

Executive Headteachers' Bulletin

May 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to May! I hope you enjoyed the first bank holiday of the month and the children are ready for the last few, busy weeks of the half term. In school, May is always a time for the children's learning and progress to be checked and for preparations for transitions to begin. Please read on to find out more about what this period will look like in our schools this year and some highlights for the months ahead too!

Ms Jordan



Coronavirus Safety



Thank you to all families and staff for continuing to follow all Coronavirus safety measures on our school premises – we want nothing more than our community to be safe. We have made the decision not to offer additional before or after school clubs this half term to minimise mixing of bubbles. Our current risk assessment therefore remains the same. This is, of course, kept under regular review.

Assessments



This year the government has removed the requirement for statutory testing. It is very important that information about children's attainment; their strengths and areas for improvement, are communicated accurately to you and their next school or year group teacher. It is also important that as a school, we have a clear understanding of gaps in learning due to lockdowns to inform our plans for next year. For these reasons we will still be asking our children to complete some end of year assessment tasks. These will however be less formal and more flexible in terms of timings. For your information, please note that assessments including Year 1 and 2 Phonic assessments, Year 2 transition assessments, Year 4 Times Tables assessments and Year 6 transition assessments will take place between 24th May and 18th June.

Parent Code of Conduct



I am pleased to share that as part of our whole school behavioural policy revision that has taken place this year, the Governors and I are now able to share our Parental Code of Conduct document with you. The aim of this document is to ensure home and school work in partnership, with shared respect and commitment to the values we uphold. It ensures that all members of our community are treated with tolerance and dignity and the behaviours our children witness from adults help them to learn ways to successfully communicate and deal with any issues that may arise. We hope you find this document positive, supportive and informative. It can be found under the Governance – Policies section of our website.

Summer Sports Afternoons



We are keen to offer a Sports Day-style event this year, in a Covid secure way. To limit mixing and maximise distancing we will be hosting Class Sports Days where team points awarded will be totalled after all classes have participated. Families will be able to attend their own child's class event and ice-lolly refreshments will be available to purchase after each event at a small cost. Each class event will begin at 2pm; Kingfisher 24th June, Kestrel 25th June, Sparrowhawk 28th June, Barn Owl 30th June, Hummingbird 1st July, Peregrine Falcon 2nd July, Maple 5th July, Sycamore 6th July, Beech 7th July & Oak 8th July.

Transition



Letters have been sent to all parents/carers of current pre-school and Year 2 children about transition this year. These letters give specific information about how we will be supporting the children as they prepare to start a new school. (Year 6 children will also be hearing from their high schools soon, too.)

To support children in every group, the following plans have been made:

- A 'Welcome to Year Group' recording will be uploaded to our website on Monday 14th June. Please watch the recording for your child's year group to find out about the school day in this year group including what is the same and different from their previous year group.
- On Friday 9th July and Tuesday 13th July all children will have a taster session in their new class.
- On Monday 19th July, all class teachers will upload a welcome message and story session to the website for children to access as often as they wish over the Summer break.

Any questions from children or families can be sent at any time via the school office.

Safeguarding



We understand that some mornings can be more difficult than others. For children, mornings without routine can be really unsettling and arriving at school without breakfast, a water bottle for the day or essential items like glasses or reading books has a negative impact on their day. If you need help or advice to support your family, please speak to your child's class teacher, ask to see one of the safeguarding leaders or contact Just One Number by telephone: 0300 300 0123

School Shop



We will be opening our pre-loved uniform shop in June. If you have any uniform to donate, please place it in a bag and leave it at the school office. Please make sure only clean, good quality items are donated. Thank you!

General Reminders

Please park considerately to our neighbours. Please name all your child's items. Please let us know if your details or circumstances change so we can contact you in an emergency. Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by either kitchen. Please follow all COVID safety advice.



Attendance



It is so lovely not to have had to report any bubble closures since the full re-opening in March!
All 10 of our classes have had attendance over 96%!

Parent Questionnaire Results

Thank you to all those families who have completed our parent questionnaire (this closes today). Each response will be read and used to support our planning for next year and beyond. More detailed feedback to follow.



Key Dates

Mondays from 12th April – Y6 life coaching sessions
Half term Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
Sports afternoons – WV from 24th June; SIS from 5th July
Federation transition sessions – Friday 9th and Tuesday 13th July
End of Year reports to parents (sent via email) – Tuesday 13th July
Any questions or concerns about reports, sent via email, will be answered by telephone – Thursday 15th July
Leavers' assembly – Y6 Monday 19th July; Y2 Wednesday 21st July (These are planned to be outside)
Leavers' water games – Tuesday 20th July
Last day of term – Wednesday 21st July

