

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our Summer Term 2021. I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter and enjoyed seeing your loved ones in your gardens in the sunshine. The children have returned well rested, smiley and happy to be back to school. Some Covid-19 measures are still in place but we are hoping that some restrictions in school will be lifted by May half term. Attendance at our open evenings this week was fantastic with 98% of parents meeting their child's class teacher to discuss their progress. Many thanks for taking the time to attend.

This week we welcomed back Mrs Read into Year 2/1 who takes over Miss Kenna's maternity leave. We have appointed a new Performing Arts teacher, Ms Elsmore who will work on Thursday and Fridays to deliver music and dance. Sadly, our Sports Coach Mr Smith left us last term so we will be recruiting a new Sports Coach as soon as possible. The staff who have been shielding have all returned back to working on site-we are so delighted to have a full staffing team, the first time since March 2020!

School priorities:

Our focus this term will be to continue delivering interventions to ensure all children catch up on the learning they have missed during the two school closures. As always, please continue to read at home **every night** with your child. Children who read to an adult at home **make the most progress in school** and it also helps with a good bedtime routine.

This term is extremely busy-we have lots of exciting activities for your child to take part in as they have missed so much over the past year. Opportunities will include: swimming, cycling, sports competitions, creative arts, music, dance and topic trips. Please read the timeline carefully so you know what is happening and when. Each phase has planned a Summer 2 trip for your child. We are using funding gained from sponsorship to lower the cost to you.

Welbeck's Forest Garden

Our business partner-Albumedix has provided us with sponsorship to create a wonderful Forest Garden in front of our Foundation Unit. It has a pond, a fire pit, tunnels, hills, trees to climb and much more. All children will have the opportunity to learn new science skills, improve problem solving skills and develop resilience. Please follow us on Twitter to see it in action!

Parental Engagement

We are excited to be able to invite you into school in June and July to celebrate your child's learning. The children have missed having the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and feel proud of their achievements. Please see dates below-we look forward to seeing you then, all being well!

I hope that, as the vaccination programme continues to roll out, you keep well and enjoy life getting a little more back to normal. Fingers crossed for a warm, dry summer.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Rebecca Gittins Headteacher

Warmer weather

As the temperature heats up, your child will need a labelled sun hat in school as we plan to spend as much time outdoors as possible. Please also provide your child with a water bottle.

Online Safety

Children must be at least over 13 to use most social media and some apps including Whats App, Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok, Snapchat and You Tube. Please do not allow children to use these sites.

Covid-19 Reminders:

If your child is displaying any Covid-19 symptoms, please book a test and do not send them to school.

INSET days - School closed on Friday 25th June and Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th July 2021 **IMPORTANT- Entrance/Exits and driving and parking on Kinglake Place/Castlefields** Lots of families are driving to school and parking on Kinglake/Castlefields when they live locally. This can cause a risk to children walking home as there is not enough space. Please do your best to walk to school as parking is very difficult. If you have to drive, please do NOT park on corners or on the pavement as we have parents in wheelchairs.

Summer Term events

| Date | Who | What |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tuesdays/Wednesdays or | Y1-Y6 (different times-see class | Swimming lessons |
| Thursdays starting 20th April | newsletter) | |
| onwards | | |
| Beginning 20 th April | Y5 | Bikeability |
| Thursday 29 th April | Y5 and Y6 | Sportshall athletics |
| Weekly on Thursdays starting 29 th | EYFS | Barefeet drumming and dance |
| April | | workshops |
| Monday 10 th -14 th May | All | Science week |
| Beginning Tuesday 18th May | Y6 | Bikeability |
| Friday 28 th May | Break up for half term | |
| Monday 7 th June | Return to school | |
| Thursday 10 th June 9.15am | EYFS | Sports Day on field-parents |
| | | welcome |
| Thursday 10 th June 1.30am | KS1 | Sports Day on field-parents |
| | | welcome |
| Friday 11 th June 9.15am | KS2 | Sports Day on field-parents |
| | | welcome |
| Monday 14 th -24 th June | Y5 and Y6 | Welbeck's Wimbledon |
| Wednesday 16 th -18 th June | Y2 | Robin Hood Camp |
| Tuesday 15 th June 9am | Y6 | DARE graduation |
| Thursday 17 th June 2.15pm | Y3 and Y4 | Music performance-parents invited |
| Monday 21 st June-24 th June | All | Creative Arts Week |
| Tuesday 22 nd June 2.15pm | KS1 | Year group assembly-parents |
| | | welcome |
| Thursday 24 th June | All | Creative arts exhibition 2.30pm |
| | | outdoors |
| Tuesday 29 th June 2.15pm | Y5 | Year group assembly-parents |
| | | welcome |
| Wednesday 30 th June | Y1 | Twycross Zoo trip |
| Thursday 1 st July-Friday 2 nd July | Y5 and Y6 | London visit |
| Tuesday 6 th July 1.30pm and | New F2 pupils | New parents meeting in school- |
| 2.15pm | | come to main entrance |
| Wednesday 7 th and Thursday 8 th | Y6 | Secondary transition days |
| July | | |
| Thursday 8 th July | EYFS | Whitepost Farm trip |
| Monday 12 th July 11am | All | New class transition session |
| Monday 12 th July 3pm | All | Uniform sale |
| Thursday 15 th July | All | Potted sports |
| Wednesday 21 st July 9am | Y6 | Leaving assembly |
| Thursday 22 nd July 9am | Y1-Y6 | End of term awards-parents invited |
| Friday 23 rd July | All | Last day-non uniform-bring toys. |
| Tuesday 31 st August 1pm | All | Uniform sale on yard |
| Wednesday 1 st September | Return to school | |