



Summer 1 – 2022

Headteacher Newsletter.

School has felt wonderful and 'normal' again this term, class trips and residential have taken place, we have welcomed visitors into school unmasked and our attendance figures are on the rise as the number of pupils absent with Covid 19 has dwindled. I had almost forgotten how this felt after two years of just reacting to every changing guidance or waiting for the next class load of pupils to be affected with illness or isolation.

Class lists and Transition

There are a few changes to staffing for September. It will also be a bit of a 'squash and a squeeze' until the build is complete (the LA say by Oct half term, I predict Christmas). Once the build is complete, the Reception, Reception/Year 1 and Year 1 classes will all move in and classes from Year 2 up will move around to make room for year 6 to come back into the main school building (in two classes). At this point we will also ensure the library is back to it's original use and we will begin work to extend/ move our pre-school into the current year 5 classroom next door. See below for who will be teaching who and where from September 2022.

As you will see, we have two new teachers joining us in September. Mrs Taylor is an experienced key stage 1 teacher and will be joining us from Birley Primary in Sheffield. Miss Ward is an Early Careers Teacher, graduating from Bishop Grosseteste University, she was exceptional in interview last week.

Year group (approx. no of pupils)	Class Teacher(s)	Classroom in September	Classroom after build complete
Reception (30)	Mr C Smith	Current Rec classroom	New build
Rec/Y1 (30)	Mrs Carranza/ Mrs Pumford	Current Rec/Y1 classroom	New build
Y1 (30)	Mr I Smith/ Mrs Taylor	Current Y1 classroom	New build
Y2 (22)	Mrs Bridge	Current Y2 (CS) classroom	Current reception classroom
Y2 (20)	Mrs Pumford/ Mrs Turnbull	Library	Current Rec/Y1 classroom
Y3/4 (28)	Miss Doxey	Current Y2 (ZB) classroom	No movement
Y3/4 (28)	Mrs Lumley	Current Y3/4 (SL) Classroom	No movement
Y3/4 (28)	Mrs Fretwell	Current Y3/4 (JF Classroom)	No movement
Y5 (31)	Mr Brooks/ Miss Woodhead	Current Y6 classroom	No movement
Y6 (21)	Miss Ward	Top Block	Current Y1 classroom
Y6 (21)	Mrs Miles	Top Block	Current Y2 (CS) classroom

The children moving into mixed classes and year groups with more than one class have now chosen three friends they would like to be with. As always, we ensure they have at least one of their choices so they feel more confident and happier during transition.

Sports day

One of our Governors and parents, Ben Lamb, has offered to run our sports day (Reception to Year 6) this year with the support of a few Tupton Hall students. The sessions will have activities in a carousel followed by traditional races. Unless we are rained off, they will be organised as follows:

Thursday 16th June

9.30 – 12.00 – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils' sports day

12 – 12.30 KS1 Picnic on the field, parents invited to stay – bring your blankets and picnic (unless you have a child in KS2 you will be asked to leave at 12.30)

12.45 – 1.15 – KS2 Picnic on the field, parents to arrive and bring picnics and blankets for older children

1.30 – 3.20 – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils' sports day

Preschool sports day is organised for Wednesday 6th July (more information to follow)

Attendance

This year, I have authorised any holiday requests five days or below that have been moved due to covid. I have unauthorised any for more than five day, if there hasn't been evidence that the holiday was moved due to covid or if families have requested more than one period of absence. I haven't sent any unauthorised absence for fining this year as I recognise that the past few years have been tough. From September we will resort back to our rules around holidays (only for exceptional circumstances – we will send out a reminder of what these are) and will be sending any unauthorised absence for fining.

Building works

The Top Block playground will be completely out of bounds after the May half term break, it will be fenced off but please ensure your children do not enter the area before or after school. During the May holidays, there will be more land explorations followed by a week of Drilling during the week beginning 13th June. We will move the year 5 pupils down to the hall for some of the time if concentration becomes an issue during drilling. We ask all Pre-school parents to arrive on time (not early or late) as the path to and from preschool will be out of action after 9am and before 3.10pm (they will stop drilling for lunch during the lunchtime pick up/drop off).

Dates for your Diary – Summer 2022

Week commencing 6th June – Y1 phonics screening tests

Monday 6th – Wednesday 8th June – Y4 to Boggle Hole

Wednesday 8th June – Y3 trip to Derby Open Centre

Thursday 9th June – Y6 London Residential Parents meeting 4.30 pm

Thursday 9th June – New Reception Parents meeting 6pm

Thursday 9th June – Friends Summer Fair planning meeting 7pm (school library)

Friday 10th June – Lee Rowley in Assembly

Week commencing 13th June – Y4 statutory times tables testing

Wednesday 15th June – Whole school world religion day

Thursday 16th June – Sports day

Friday 17th June – Sports day (back up date)

Saturday 18th June – Wingerworth Fair

Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd June – Y6 London Residential

Monday 20th June – Y5 writing workshop with Author Benjamin Dean

Tuesday 28th June – Crackpots Assembly

Thursday 30th May – New Reception Parents Coffee Morning

Friday 1st July – Summer Fair 5-7pm

Week commencing 4th July – Celebration of Education week (more info to follow)

Wednesday 6th July - Y2 trip to Barrowhill Roundhouse

Thursday 7th July – Y5/6 Robotics lego workshops

Friday 8th July – Reports and classes for Sep 22 out today

Wednesday 13th July – Y5 Bowling match against Deer Park

Wednesday 13th July – Parent Drop in's 3.30 – 5pm

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July – Whole school transition days

Wednesday 20th July – Last day of school before the Summer Holidays

The pupils who have received the Headteachers Award this year will be having a treat afternoon on Friday 15th July (more information to follow)

Y6 Leavers dates for your diary:

Thursday 14th 5- 8pm Pizza and film night

Tuesday 19th July – Chesterfield Bowl 1.30 – 2.30pm

School re-opens after the May Half Term on Monday 6th June!

Stay safe and enjoy the break,

Jennifer Murphy

Headteacher