



Summer 2 - 2022

Headteacher Newsletter

Another fantastic term full of fun trips, residentials, sports days, school fairs and transition days. This year has absolutely flown and as we say a sad goodbye to our year 6 children we prepare to welcome another full reception cohort into our bustling school. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing most of you again in September.

Staffing news

We welcome India Ward and Vivienne Taylor to our teaching team this year, Miss Greening and Miss Hemingway will also be joining us as teaching assistants. Mrs Packwood is leaving to return to her pre-covid career in Adult Education, Ms Green is leaving After School Club after a short stint back from maternity leave as her eldest son starts school in September. We also want to wish Miss Briddock all the best as she begins her maternity leave, we can't wait to meet the new addition. A huge and special thank you to Miss Kirkwood who stepped in to cover Mrs Lumley's class for the last half term. She has been fantastic and we wish her luck in her teaching career as she begins a post at Spire Infants in September.

All our teachers work exceptionally hard, the following teachers have been juggling work with further study this year; Both Mr Smith and Miss Woodhead have successfully completed their NPQH qualifications, Mrs Carranza has passed her NPQSL and Mrs Bridge is well on her way to completing the NPQLBC. Mrs Toplis has been completing her National SENCo Award this year and will carry on as the Pre-school SENCo next year to support Mrs Hambleton-Briggs.

I have completed the EY PD Lead qualification with the NCETM and will be delivering early years maths professional development to other schools from September within my role working for the Maths Hub East Midlands West.

Data

Having to be apolitical, I have to be careful in my comments about statutory assessments. However, what I will say is that our year 2 and year 6 children have had to complete statutory assessments this year after two years of inconsistency and huge chunks of time away from classroom learning and have blown us away with how they have coped. A huge well done to them, the class teachers and to their adults for all the home learning and support you have given to them.

	Percentage of children meeting or above age-related expectations (national average)			
	Reading	Writing	Maths	Combined RWM
Year 2	72.7% (67%)	63.6% (57.8%)	72.7% (67.8%)	56.8% (53.8%)
Year 6	78.1% (74%)	66% (69%)	78.1% (71%)	56.3% (59%)
EYFS pupils gaining GLD - 72.1% (65.1%)				
Phonics	Y1 – 74.4% (75.7%)		By the end of Y2 – 84.1% (no national comparison yet)	

Building works

As expected we have some delays in the pipeline, these are mainly due to new rules around the tender process that the LA hadn't known about. Due to this, and as long as we get planning permission (we will find out on 30th July now) the ground works for the new build will now start at the beginning of November. This is of course disappointing as it will be a squash next year but I'm sure we will be fine. I'll inform you of any more changes as soon as I know.

PE Kits

Even with reminders, it is unfortunate that a large number of students have not been encouraged by parents to wear the correct PE kit this year. Due to this, along with the importance of children learning how to dress and undress themselves and the flexibility of having kits in school, we have decided to reintroduce PE kits being left in school. Please ensure the current items (see below) are in your child's PE kit at the beginning of term, we will send them home at the end of each half term for washing. Full school uniform will be expected each morning.

- Black shorts (no logo's)
- Team coloured t-shirt
- Black pumps/dark trainers
- Dark joggers/leggings and hoodie/jumper for outdoor PE (Y1 -Y6)

Parking

We are very privileged to have the use of the church car park at the beginning and end of the school days. The car park is however private and belongs to the Church and Church Centre, therefore we can not use it for events such as sports days, open days or summer fairs as the people who rent the centre require the spaces for their customers. Please ensure you are quick to move your car after using it to bring or collect your child and remain polite to anyone from the church centre to ensure we do not lose this privilege.

Dates for your Diary

- 1st and 2nd September – Whole school closure days/ staff training
- 5th September – School re-opens to pupils
- 21st October last day before October half term
- 31st October – school reopens
- 20th December – last day for children before Christmas break
- 21st and 22nd December – Whole school closure days/staff training
- 9th January - School re-opens
- 16th February – Last day before February half term
- 17th Feb – Whole school closure day/staff training
- 27th Feb – School re-opens
- 31st March – Last day before Easter Holiday
- 17th April – School re-opens
- 1st May – School closed for May Bank Holiday
- 26th May – Last day before May half term
- 5th June – School re-opens
- 21st July – Last day before Summer Holidays 2023

Attendance

Target **97%**

Actual 2021/22 – **94.31%**

Please ensure holidays are not booked within term time – please see dates.

School re-opens on Monday 5th September

Stay safe and have a wonderful Summer.

Jennifer Murphy

Headteacher

