

Dear Parent/s /Carer/s,

Play and Lunch

It has been a real pleasure sharing time with the children during their playtimes and lunch breaks this week. Moving to year group bubbles has worked extremely well and we have lots of happy faces.

Reminders

1. Free Universal Infant Hot Meals

We start infant hot meals from Monday 12 October. All pupils will continue to eat their lunches in their classroom, bar Y1 Oak, who are very excited about the prospect of eating in the hall!

1. New Front Gates and Car Park Fencing

All parent/s/carer/s and pupils will need to use the side entrances on Goose Green Close or the Erica Way cul-de-sac from Monday 12 October so that this project can progress. Thank you in advance for your kindness to our neighbours, during what will be a busy few days.

1. Parents' Evenings

Interim reports will be distributed electronically on Friday 16 October. Should you wish to arrange a 10 minute follow up telephone conversation with the class teacher please email them on the year group email during the week beginning 19 October. They will then provide you with a time slot.

House Captains

Undaunted by any changes in their schooling, Year 6 House Captain candidates have presented and filmed their election speeches ready for the rest of the school to watch and then vote. We will announce the results shortly.

Term Dates

26.10.20 – 30.10.20	Autumn half term
18.12.20	Last day of autumn term
4.1.21	Inset day – staff only
5.1.21	Pupils return
15.2.21 – 19.2.21	Spring half term
1.4.21	Last day of spring term
19.4.21	Pupils return
3.5.21	Bank holiday

10.5.21 – 14.5.21	Y6 test week
31.5.21 – 4.6.21	Summer half term
7.6.21	Inset day – staff only
8.6.21	Pupils return
22.7.21	Last day of summer term
23.7.21	Inset day

Training

As ever, we are committed to providing training opportunities for our staff where it matches our strategic direction. Website training for our admin staff is booked in for next week, Google Classroom training is booked for some staff during the last week of this half term and refresher training with Song of Sounds is booked for next half term.

Recruitment

We interview for additional classroom assistant and midday meals support on Friday 23 October, so there may be some slight changes to deployment next half term.

Christmas

Whilst we are clearly unable to rehearse and perform our usual range of Christmas productions for you, we are currently working on possible alternatives so that the season can be celebrated somehow with our community. We'll let you know what we decide on next half term.

Thank you

Finally, a big thank you to all of our pupils and staff for the way they have applied themselves to new routines in school. The school day is very different and I can only commend everyone for their huge effort so far.

Let's hope that as all of our vigilance continues, we can use every learning opportunity to build on this excellent start to the academic year.

Kind regards

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Headteacher