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Newsletter 5

25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to a very short term. I hope everyone has enjoyed a safe and happy Easter break and has made the most of the sunny weather. Thank you to all who have submitted/handed in their home challenge, 'try something new' – staff enjoy seeing what the children have been up to during their breaks and we like to display these challenges for all to see in the school hall.

For all this is a short half-term, the summer term is extremely busy, I have listed all the upcoming dates for the full summer term so far - please familiarise yourself with these dates for your diary.

Finally, after two years, it feels like we will be able to enjoy a normal summer term and all the fun activities the term brings and we are all excited to get started!

For your information, I have included the latest Covid school guidance for parents and carers below:

#### Guidance for Parents and carers.

The approach to managing COVID-19 has changed and advice is to take similar measures that you would for other respiratory infections. Free universal COVID-19 testing (PCR and lateral flow tests) for people with and without symptoms was withdrawn in England on Friday 1 April 2022. Most people can no longer access free testing and are no longer advised to get tested.

Pupils and staff no longer need to test to attend a school or educational setting. Respiratory infections are common in children and young people, particularly during the winter months. For most children and young people, these illnesses, including COVID-19, will not be serious, and they will soon recover following rest and plenty of fluids. Attending education is hugely important for children and young people's health and their future. Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to their education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

Whilst testing is no longer recommended, if you still have access to lateral flow tests and your child tests positive for COVID-19 they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. Your child should not attend school during this 3-day period. They can return to school after 3 days, if they feel well enough and do not have a high temperature.

Children who are close contacts If someone in your household tests positive for Covid-19 your child can still attend their education or childcare setting as normal.

## Information

**School Dinners** - A reminder that school lunches must be ordered on ParentPay by midnight on Thursday for the following week. This is to help us when ordering the food into school. Any child who has not ordered their meals in advance, will be given the **main hot food** option each day for the following week.

**Change to Term Dates** - Please note there has been a slight change in term dates for this academic year. School will break up for our summer break on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July instead of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**Training Day and Bank Holiday** - This half-term is a relatively short one with two 4-day weeks due to school being closed to pupils on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** for May Bank holiday and **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** for Teacher Training day.

**Summer Fayre and Platinum Jubilee celebration** - On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, we will be holding our annual summer fayre in school and using this afternoon to celebrate the Queen's platinum Jubilee. Families are welcome from 2pm – 4pm to come along, bring your own picnic on the field. There will be various stalls and activities.

Anyone interested in a stall please contact school.

**SATs/ Phonics Screening and Multiplication Tables Check** - During May, both Year 2 and Year 6 will be taking their SATs assessments. For Year 2, these will be completed in small groups during the month of May and for Year 6, there is a set timetable for the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May. In June, Year 1 will take part in the phonics screening check and Year 4 will take part in the multiplication tables check. Please avoid booking holidays during these periods and attendance and punctuality is extremely important as always, during these times.

**Homework** - This term we are reintroducing paper homework – children will still be expected to practise weekly spellings and times tables online and will still be tested weekly each Monday however, these practises will not be monitored. Children will be set one piece of homework each Monday which should be handed in the following Monday. Homework will reflect a piece of work currently happening in your child's class to reinforce the learning at home. Homework participation will continue to be tracked for individual children.

**School places** - Do you know of anyone relocating to the area and looking for school places? We currently still have spaces in most of our classes. From September, places available in each year group are as follows:

Nursery - places available  
 Reception - places available

Year 1 - 7 places  
 Year 3 - 7 places  
 Year 4 - 2 places

Year 5 - 3 places  
 Year 6 - 1 place

### School Calendar

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Return to school.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	House winners non-uniform – Earth.
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Dukeshouse Wood parent meeting 3.30pm (school hall).
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Forest school: Reception (am) Year 3 (pm).
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	Bank holiday – school closed.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022 (All throughout May)	Year 2 SATs begin.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Forest school: Year 1 (am) Year 2 (pm).
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Year 6 SATs.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Years 3 and 4 residential to Dukeshouse Wood.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Forest school: Year 4 (am) Year 5 (pm).
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022	London parent meeting 3.30pm (school hall).
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Summer Fayre/Jubilee celebration (more details to follow).
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Break up for half term break.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Teacher training day.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Children return to school.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Year 1 Phonics screening checks.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Year 4 Multiplication tables check (MTC).
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	House winners non-uniform.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Assessment week Nursery, REC, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Sponsor week (more details to follow).
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	REC/KS1 sports afternoon (more details to follow).
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	KS2 sports afternoon (more details to follow).
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y6 visit to London.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Children's reports sent home.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y6 leaver's party (6.00pm – 9.00pm).
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y6 leaver's assembly 10am (Year 6 parents only).
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Parents evening.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Nursery graduation morning.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	School breaks up for summer break at 2pm.

\* Summer trip dates still to be confirmed.