



Newsletter
June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

This is our last newsletter of the year. Please find information for the last few weeks of the term and next year and keep for your reference.



We are coming to the end of another very strange year and time again to say a sad farewell to our Y6 pupils. Despite all the changes and disruptions we have had to make, they have worked extremely hard and we wish them well as they move on to secondary school. Well done Year 6 and our best wishes for the future!!

Covid-19 and Current Situation

The Prime Minister has made his announcement that the relaxing of restrictions has been postponed until 19 July. Therefore, as a school, we will be retaining all our current restrictions – social distancing, bubbles, wearing of face masks in schools, etc. Of course, this also strikes at the “fun” element of school at the end of a year and we understand the frustration of children and parents. We are trying our very hardest to lessen the stress of the current situation and trying to introduce a lighter tone in the summer term in lieu of trips and parties, etc, for the children to have fun in their classes.

Please see below our plans for the rest of term:

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| w/b Monday 5 July | - each class will have a sports day celebration within the school day (no spectators) |
| Friday 9 July | - fun last day for children to be in their current year group |
| Mon 12 July - Fri 16 July | - Induction week – all children will move into their new year groups/classes |
| | - Y6 Leavers’ Assembly and Reception graduation will take place in this week (no parents) |
| Thursday 15 July | - 9.30am Celebrations Assembly – via Microsoft Teams |
| Friday 16 July | - Break for Summer Holiday |
| Thursday 2 September | - School returns |

Procedures for symptomatic testing remain the same - if your child has symptoms of Covid-19, a PCR/NHS Covid test will be required (**not** a Lateral Flow Test) and we require evidence of a negative test result to allow them to return to school. If your child is positive, they will need to isolate for 10 days. If someone else in the household is positive, your child would have to isolate for 10 days, or more if they develop symptoms.

Holidays Abroad

If you are planning a family holiday, please follow the Government guidelines, which are:

Red and Amber Countries

The 10-day quarantine period **must** be taken into account as part of any holiday period so that your child/ren are ready to start back at school on Thursday 2 September. So, if you have a 7-day holiday, you will need to allow 17 days in total. Any child/ren who are still quarantining when school reopens will be marked as unauthorised absence.

Nursery

Current restrictions will remain in Nursery from September throughout the Autumn Term - our Nursery sessions will be from 8.55am to 11.55am Monday to Friday. However, we do hope to reintroduce our 30-hour provision from January 2022.

Y6 Leavers and Reception Graduation

Unfortunately, as restrictions have not lifted as we had hoped, we will be unable to have visitors in for those events.

We want to make the end of term as special as we can for your children so we are planning to have these events with social distancing on the field and the audience will be other classes.

Key Stage Organisation

In September, our classes and projected numbers will be organised as below:

Class	Year Group	Key Stage	No of Pupils (projected)	Teacher
1	Y5 / Y6	KS2	23	Miss Mawson
2	Y3 / Y4	KS2	33	Miss Dobson
3	Y1 / Y2	KS1	23	Miss Marr
4	Reception	EYFS	13	Mrs Boulton
	Nursery		4 N2 11 N1	

Further information will be sent out nearer the end of term as to each classes' separate timings for the school day.

Leavers



Sadly, as you will all know by now, Mrs Burrows left us at half term. She had been with us as a lunchtime supervisor since 2013 and will be missed by staff and pupils alike. We wish her the very best of luck in the future.



Miss Kirton is also leaving us to take up a post as HLTA at another primary school. Miss Kirton has been with us since 2018 and completed her apprenticeship here. We wish her good luck and happiness in her future career.

New Appointment



We welcome Mrs Walton as our new Lunchtime Supervisor for Class 3. She will join our team and many of your children will know her from working for Taylor Shaw as our Cook.

Contact Details

As ever, please ensure that we do have an **up to date** mobile phone number for you and that you keep this phone switched on during the school day. This is extremely important as we will need to get hold of you in an emergency. If you change your mobile number, please remember to alter it on ParentPay so you continue to receive texts.



Facebook

Please remember it is not appropriate to make comments on Facebook with regards to school, other people's children or staff. If you have any concerns, please bring them to my attention.

Uniform

Please follow the link on our website to place orders for uniform. **NO** jewellery will be allowed at all including earrings; the only exception to this is that children will be allowed to wear a watch.

School Dinners

School meal prices will be increasing to £2.15 per day. All dinner money must be paid for in advance using our ParentPay system.

As far as we are aware, the Government is continuing the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme and so this will be continuing for KS1 children to receive a free school meal (that's Reception Class up to Year 2). If your child is moving into Y3 and you are not entitled to free school meals due to receipt of benefits, please remember that you must now pay for your child's dinners.

Please note that you can provide your child with a packed lunch as long as it adheres to our Packed Lunch Policy.

Wellbeing



Following our pupil survey in spring 2021, we allocated funding for each class to enhance the resources available for our 'Wellbeing Carousel' on a Friday afternoon. The pupils' ideas from the survey were used for the orders which varied for each class from board games to gardening gloves, outdoor giant dominoes to play-doh! We hope our pupils enjoy using these new resources during their wellbeing time.



Children's Raffle

Please find attached to this newsletter raffle tickets for our children's raffle – these are £1 per strip. If you wish to enter the raffle, please write your child's name on the back of each ticket (as they will be separated) and return to the School Office in the envelope provided along with the money.

We would like to thank.....

Councillor Richard Manchester for the donation from the AAP fund towards the purchase of lego tables and sets to deliver lego therapy in classes. The children are really benefiting from the variety of activities that lego is used for.

Mrs Jenny Mountain for securing tree saplings and planting them over the past few weeks in all weathers!

Ms Claire Ritson for continuing to support the school via the local church in providing winter warmers to those children most in need.

Mr Lance Moralee for his generous donation for the school fund, which we will use to support the wellbeing of the children.

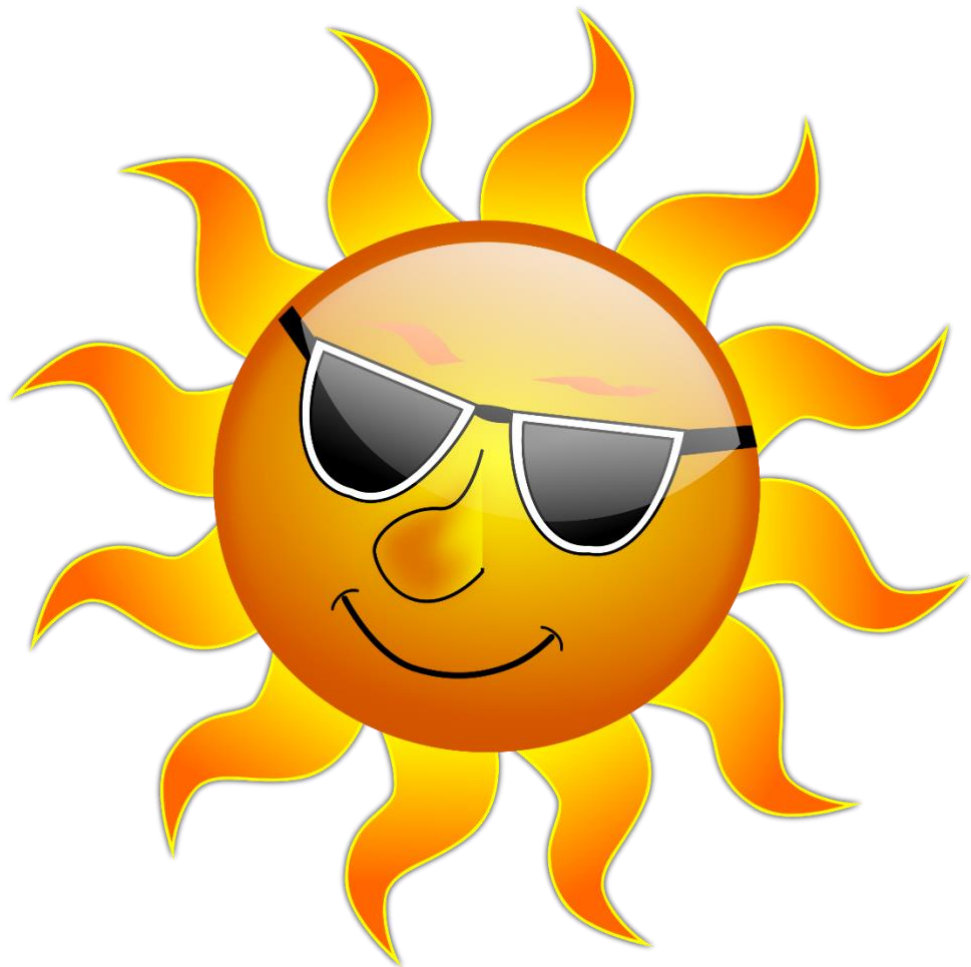
Tow Law Town Council – the Council's Neighbourhood Fund provided a grant for our Year 6 leavers' hoodies as a joint request from our school and Blessed John Duckett. I hope you will enjoy seeing the children wearing them out in the community over the coming weeks.

Seeds for Change – thanks to Pip who has set up "Seeds for Change" and kindly donated seeds, plants, wellies and gardening equipment to help us introduce gardening as part of our wellbeing topics for children and staff.

And Finally

Hopefully, when we return in September, life will be a little bit more like it used to be. Can I thank you for all of your support during these hard months and wish you a lovely summer break.

**Best wishes
Lisa Jackson
Headteacher**



TERM DATES 2021 – 2022

Autumn Term	Thursday 2 September 2021	to	Thursday 16 December 2021
Spring Term	Wednesday 5 January 2022	to	Friday 8 April 2022
Summer Term	Monday 25 April 2022	to	Wednesday 20 July 2022

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2021/2022

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2021 (6 weeks 3 days)	Friday 16 July 2021	Thursday 2 September 2021
Autumn Half-Term 2021 (1 week)	Friday 22 October 2021	Monday 1 November 2021
Christmas 2021 (2 weeks 3 days)	Thursday 16 December 2021	Wednesday 5 January 2022
Spring Half-Term 2022 (1 week 1 day)	Thursday 17 February 2022	Monday 28 February 2022
Easter 2022 (2 weeks)	Friday 8 April 2022	Monday 25 April 2022
May Day 2022 (1 day)	Friday 29 April 2022	Tuesday 3 May 2022
Summer Half-Term 2022 (1 week)	Friday 27 May 2022	Monday 6 June 2022
Summer 2022 (6 weeks)	Wednesday 20 July 2022	To be determined

Important Note: the following dates have been agreed as INSET days for school staff and the school will be closed to pupils:

Wednesday 1 September 2021
Friday 17 December 2021
Tuesday 4 January 2022
Friday 18 February 2022
Thursday 21 July 2022

NB Leave of Absence in term time will not be granted unless there are circumstances deemed exceptional by the Headteacher. For all absence requests, a Leave of Absence form must be completed prior to the time requested. Please note that holidays during term time will not be granted.