



I want to say a huge thank you to you for the support you have given the school this year:

You have followed our Covid safety measures with patience; stepping up to the challenge of being a teacher during periods of remote education (and being the cooks last week when our kitchen bubble closed!). Like your children, you have taken everything this year has brought with it in your stride.

The kind messages you have sent to school, throughout the year, have kept the whole staff team and myself going. It is often said that we grow stronger in adversity and I think this has proven to be true of us all over this challenging period. Your actions have helped put our school in a perfect place from which to build during the remainder of 2021 and moving into 2022—although we are all looking forward to next year being a little less eventful!

We all wish you a very happy and relaxing summer holiday. If you are a Year Two parent, with your youngest now moving "over the field", thank you for being part of our school family and for the lovely memories we have shared. If you have a child returning to us this September, or perhaps a little one who will join us in a few Septembers to come, we look forward to seeing you again soon!

### Arrangements for September

Children in next year's Year One and Year Two return to school on **Monday 6th September**.

The guidance for September indicates that we will not need bubbles, staggered times in the day or a one way system on the site. We will not require parents to

wear masks, but you may wear one if you wish.

We will return to the school day for all pupils being:

Drop Off - doors open **8.45am-8.55am** (register closes at 9.00am)

Pick Up for Years One and Two: **3.10pm**

Entry points to school will be the outer classroom doors (Reception, 2R and 2Y) or the main entrance door from the upper playground (Year One classes and 2B).

It will still be important for us to wash our hands regularly, maintain good ventilation and cleaning, and ensure that no-one with Covid symptoms is in school.

If a child tests positive for Covid next year, NHS contact tracing will work with their parents to identify close contacts who will be advised to take a PCR test. From 16 August, children under 18 and fully vaccinated adults will not have to isolate after contact with Covid. If all of this goes to plan there should be no more school closures.

We will remember how things have been organised this year, in case we are instructed to return to these measures as part of a local outbreak management plan.

### Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property which is available at the bottom of the ramp to the Bunbury Road entrance in the visitor Car Park.

Please take a look as you are leaving to see if anything belongs to your child.

### Reading Books

Please return any school reading books you have at home. It is expensive to replace lost books.

We teach reading through guided sessions in small groups and if one book from the set is missing, it means there are 6 books which can't be used.

### Supporting Your Child Over the Summer

Thank you to the governors who suggested parents might like some ideas to help support children over the summer, especially where they did not meet the age related standard for their year group.

We will send a letter out tomorrow with ideas and links but do feel free to talk to their class teacher too.

## Forest School Fridays



We are very excited that from September, **Jason**, our new **Forest School** leader will be in school each Friday providing sessions to **Key Stage One** children.

In forest school, children develop a whole range of useful classroom skills such as team work, resilience and perseverance, all while thinking they are just having a marvellous time outside! Jason has been leading forest school across the region for over 10 years.

In the first half term the sessions will be for Year One pupils, and they will alternate weekly with half the class having a session one week, and the other half the next week. After October half term it will be Year Two's turn, following a similar pattern.

If you are able to provide an all-in-one waterproof suit (sometimes called a puddle suit) and wellies for your child that would be a wonderful help. We do have some spares in school for parents who cannot.

**Year One**, please send your **named** items in a carrier bag to school **each Friday** from September. If there are children away a few people may get an extra go!



## Learning Mentor

**Mr James Smith** will be joining us as our Learning Mentor from September.

He will be working with children who have social, emotional and mental health barriers to their learning, as well as supporting whole school emotional literacy by checking-in on how everyone is feeling on their colour monster charts each day.



## Congratulations Miss Wiles

All being well, Miss Wiles will be getting married over the summer holiday and returning school as **Mrs Elbourn**.

The children in Reception helped to celebrate today by dressing her up as a bride, throwing confetti and joining in with tossing the bouquet.



I'm sure you join us all in wishing her and her fiancé a wonderful wedding day!

## Donations Please—an eclectic list!

We are looking for donations of used school uniform, chess sets and **boys pants!**



We seem to have lots of spare underwear in school for girls, but more masculine styles, especially in **sizes 5-6 and larger** are in short supply. If your child has outgrown their pants and they are in a reasonable condition, we would really appreciate you sending them to us.

Lots of children have recently developed an interest in chess. If you have an unloved **chess set** at home, it would be really appreciated in school!



We also always welcome **outgrown school uniform** to sell pre-loved in aid of the PTA—**PE kits** are especially popular if your child is going up a size for September.

## End of Term Celebrations

Our Year two leavers assembly today was lovely and it was so nice to be able to see the children who are isolating being able to join from home. Year Two will be having class bubble leavers parties which children at home can join via Teams.

Year One and Reception will be having end of year treats too as every class has filled their jars with brilliant behaviour buttons once again!

### Non Uniform Day

Tomorrow for the last day of term, it is Non-Uniform Day: please send a donation to the PTA. The PTA are purchasing new playground equipment for us for September and your donations help them to treat the children to luxury extras!



### Take Away Dinner

We will all be having a whole school bubble "take away" lunch on the field tomorrow with pizza, nuggets, chips, salad, a carton of quash and an ice lolly. If your child wants to bring a packed lunch, let us know if they are allowed an ice lolly too!



## School Term Dates 2021- 2022

We hope these dates for next academic year will be helpful to you. Please remember that holidays cannot be authorised during term time. Children should attend on the following days:

### Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6 September 2021	to	Friday 22 October 2021
Tuesday 2 November 2021	to	Friday 17 December 2021

### Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5 January 2022	to	Friday 18 February 2022
Monday 28 February 2022	to	Friday 8 April 2022

### Summer Term 2022

Monday 25 April 2022	to	Friday 27 May 2022
Monday 6 June 2022	to	Thursday 21 July 2022

There are 5 Teacher Days for the academic year 2021–22 when children do not attend.

We have agreed these with the Junior School.

Thursday 2 September 2021  
Friday 3 September 2021  
Monday 1 November 2021  
Tuesday 4 January 2022