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## Summer Notes

It has been some time since the last newsletter and a lot has happened in that time. I hope that you and your families are well and have been able to cope with the challenges that you have faced as a result of the pandemic and subsequent national lock down. You have all been in our thoughts. Thank you for all of the support, kind messages, communications and the home learning that you have completed.

We have opened continually, including holiday periods, since Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to support key workers. It was lovely to welcome back children from nursery, reception, year 1 and 6 from 1<sup>st</sup> June and the addition of year 5 has ensured that school once again feels like a busy hive of activity. The children that have returned have adapted so well to the changes in the school day and routines and have taken everything in their stride. I am incredibly impressed by the attitude to learning that they have returned with.

This has been an extremely challenging time for schools and I would like to sincerely thank all the staff for their hard work and their determination to ensure that we have continued to open, putting their own concerns to one side and working throughout the course of the pandemic.

As you will be aware the current plan is that all children will return from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. We are waiting for the government guidelines about how we will facilitate this and I will be in touch as soon as I know how this will work. I hope that we are in a position to see all pupils return safely to school. Until then may I wish you all a very happy, safe and healthy summer break and I look forward to seeing you in

September.



School will close for the duration of the summer break. This means that Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July will be the last day for children in nursery, reception, year 1, year 5 and year 6 to attend school. School will close at the current finish times for these groups. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July school will be open for the last time for children of key workers and will close at 3.10. From this point school will be completely closed throughout the summer break and will reopen for pupils on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

## FSM Vouchers

You may have heard that the government wishes to continue to support children who qualify for free school meals over the summer holiday period. A one off voucher will be allocated to families who qualify. The government has specified a closing date for applications of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July and any received after this point vouchers will not be issued. Please notify the office of your email address if you are in receipt of free school meals. Please note that this is different to the Universal Free School Meal system for children in EYFS and Key Stage 1.

As school is closed over summer we will not be able to support with any issues that may occur. Details of who to contact will be included in communications to you from Edenred.

## Classes and Staff for September

Normally at this time of year we would be holding transition events ahead of the new school year in September. In order to make the transition back to school as smooth as possible for all children we have kept all staffing and classrooms the same as this current academic year. Therefore classes for September are:

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| <b>Rockets:</b> | Mrs Wass and Mrs Brant                    |
| <b>Mercury:</b> | Mrs Aston and Mrs Morton                  |
| <b>Venus:</b>   | Miss Craggs and Mrs McCormack             |
| <b>Earth:</b>   | Miss Ellis, Mrs Cockerham and Miss Ledger |
| <b>Mars:</b>    | Mrs Herrington and Mrs Beever             |
| <b>Jupiter</b>  | Mr Chappell and Mrs Hall                  |
| <b>Saturn</b>   | Mrs Hosford, Mrs Calvert and Mrs Leach    |
| <b>Neptune</b>  | Mrs Walker, Mrs McManaman and Mrs Calvert |

Teachers will be using the new class email system to contact you and your child with some information about returning to their new class. We will be holding a specific transition week on the first week back in autumn to allow all children to familiarise themselves with school routines and their new class and teacher



### Reports

Your child will receive an end of year school report. This will be sent home on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. If your child is in school it will be sent home with them. If your child is learning from home it will be posted out to you. We have adapted the format to allow time for them to be written and to take into account the school closure. If you have not received your child's report by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, please contact the school.

## Important Dates for your Diary

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| <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>    | School Sports Events- Non Uniform- Please wear sports clothes                                |
| <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>     | School Reports Home  |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>      | Year 6 Celebration Picnic- School Field. Weather dependent alternative date may be arranged. |
| <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>    | Last day of Summer Term- Party Day- Non Uniform  |
| <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>      | Last day of Summer Term- Key Worker children   |
| <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> | School Opens for Autumn Term   |

## Year 6 Celebration

As we have sadly been unable to host the usual end of term events that help to celebrate the time in school of our year 6 children, we would like to invite them to attend a special end of school celebration picnic.

The picnic will start at 1pm and will include an opportunity for children to have lunch, play games and receive end of year prizes. To ensure social distancing compliance this will take place on the school field and is very much weather dependent. Therefore the date may change, so if possible please keep the afternoons of that week free if your child would like to attend. Owing to restrictions around Covid 19 unfortunately we are unable to invite parents and families to join us.

## Sports Events and Party Day

Although not quite the same as we would normally have, we are hosting two, end of school year events over the next 2 weeks.

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July we are inviting children who are currently in school to take part in an organised, socially distant, sports session with Mr Wood. Children are asked to attend in sports clothes for the day. On the last day of term, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, we are holding our traditional end of year party day where children can enjoy games and a movie. Again this will be non-uniform day.