

25th April 2019

Newsletter 17 Summer Term 2019



Dear Parents

I hope you have had a good Easter holiday and I welcome you all back to a new summer term.

During the school holidays, there has been a range of work completed including the installation of a new IT system, the re-decoration of a couple of classrooms and a variety of minor works to enhance our school and environment. The planting in our new courtyard garden is also beginning to grow and develop.

Our chickens appear to be happy and settled in their new environment. They are regularly laying eggs which is brilliant. At the end of last term, each year group have named a chicken: Daisy [Foundation], Crystal [Year 1], Charlotte [Year 2], Mabel [Year 3] and Hazel [Year 4]. Thank you to all the staff that have looked after the chickens through the holidays, letting them out in the morning, feeding, cleaning and putting them away at night.

Our Learning Adventure from the previous term, based around our school chickens and other living creatures continues for one more week and will come to an end next Wednesday. The children will continue to explore a variety of curriculum areas linked to this theme, including a range of purposeful writing opportunities, developing their scientific knowledge of living things and extending their thinking on ethical issues as part of their learning in PSHE. The role of looking after the chickens will be an ongoing role for the children, which will continue to develop their skills of caring for animals and their appreciation of the responsibilities this brings. Next Thursday, the children will be introduced to their new Learning Adventure and details will follow in due course.

Staff News

As you may be aware, Mrs Sinclair, one of our Year 3 teachers, is pregnant. She is thrilled to announce she is expecting her new baby early in September and anticipates working to the end of the summer term of this academic year. Our congratulations go to Mrs Sinclair and her family and we wish her all the best for the future.

Assessments

In the summer term, our teachers summarise the children's progress and achievements throughout the year, and towards the end of the term you will receive your child's annual report. Children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will complete some assessments in May and June to contribute to the teacher's overall assessment of your child's development. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, assessments and report at our next parent teacher consultations later in the summer term.

Please can we remind parents that it is important that children attend school during assessment periods. Leave of absence requests will not be authorised during this time.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

During the summer term there will be a range of interesting and enjoyable opportunities for children to become involved in during the school day, in after school clubs and at special events. Further information for different year groups will follow soon. Specialist music lessons for Years 3 and 4 will commence next week and will continue throughout the term.

Sun Protection and Water Bottles

With the beginning of the summer term, we hope that there will be plenty of sunny days ahead and the children will be able to make good use of the field and outside areas. Please make sure your child has a sun-hat to wear and a water bottle in school for the coming months. Sun hats and water bottles can be purchased from the school office. We recommend you apply sun lotion to your child/ren before school. Further protective sun screen can be

applied during the day by the children. School staff will apply skin cream for children under medical direction. We have been notified by the school nurse that some sun lotions contain nut products. We would appreciate if you could not use these products at school, as we have some children who have severe allergic reactions to nuts. The children will be told not to share sun lotion with other children. A reminder, that water bottles should contain water only rather than fizzy drinks, squashes or juices. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

PE Kits

A reminder, that all children should have their PE kit in school every day to participate fully in the PE curriculum. With the commencement of the summer term, please could you ensure your child has black plimsolls/trainers in school to use for outdoors PE. The school also has a supply of PE bags in school which are available from the office for £5.00. We would appreciate that the children do not use large back packs as they can be difficult to store in the cloakrooms and on the cloak pegs.

Class Assemblies

All parents with children in Foundation are invited to attend their child's class assembly: Ash class assembly will be on Tuesday 21st May and Oak class assembly will be on Thursday 23rd May. Both assemblies will take place in the school hall at 2.45 pm and entry will be through the office/reception area.

A reminder that parents are able to take photos/videos of their child during school events but it is recommended that images that include other children should not be uploaded onto social media websites unless permission is sought from their parents. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Dates for your diaries:

Monday 6th May

Tuesday 21st May

Thursday 23rd May

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Monday 10th June

Wednesday 12th June

Wednesday 19th June

Wednesday 26th June

Monday 1st July

Tuesday 2nd July

Thursday 4th July

Friday 5th July

Friday 12th July

Friday 19th July

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

May Bank Holiday – school closed

Ash Class Celebration Assembly at 2.45 pm in the school hall

Oak Class Celebration Assembly at 2.45 pm in the school hall

Half Term holiday

Class Photographs

Foundation Stage Sports Afternoon

Key Stage 1 [Year 1 & 2] Sports Afternoon

Key Stage 2 [Year 3 & 4] Sports Afternoon

Annual Reports Home to Parents

Parent Consultations 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm

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Transfer Day [Year 4 children visiting their new middle schools]

Summer Fair [details to follow]

Year 4 Leavers Concert [pm/times/details to follow]

Year 4 Leavers Disco 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm

Last day of the summer term – school closes at 1.00 pm

Dates for your diaries for the next academic year 2019/2020:

Monday 2nd September

School closed for staff training

Tuesday 3rd September

Autumn term commences for the children

Friday 25th October

School closed for staff training

Monday 6th January 2020

School closed for staff training

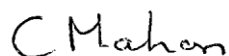
Monday 20th April

School closed for staff training

Monday 20th July

School closed for staff training

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher

Enc Academic calendar for the year 2019/20