



NEWSLETTER

TERM 6, 2020





DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

Well, what a year this has been! We are drawing to close an academic year of uncertainty and hopefully welcoming a new academic year that brings lots of new opportunities for our children. We appreciate all that you have done to keep going thorough these unparalleled times and we applaud you, the parents as the unsung heroes.

Thank you for all of the support that you have shown for all of the staff at May Park. Due to your support, we have been able to stay open for the children of Key Workers and Vulnerable children for almost 80 days of continuous care. We have been able to support home learning via Class Dojo and enjoyed the work and pictures that your children have sent in to us. We have also been able to deliver over 1000 vouchers, 100 food packages plus numerous work and stationary packages out into the community. We truly are a community school!

I know that it is clear that our staff have been working very hard to deliver support over this difficult period. As a result, some of our usual communications with you have been delayed. I can assure you that they are on the way and we will be available via email to main school email address throughout the holidays for support.



The school site will not be open over the summer as we will be working on our plans for opening in the September. We are planning to be open in full. We are looking at ways to not restrict our curriculum but deliver it in the safest way possible. Please do not worry about gaps in your children's learning or filling them during your holiday. We are looking at ways to identify any gaps in learning and we will address them through our teaching in September. We would like you enjoy the holidays in full.

WELCOME

During Lockdown we have welcomed three gorgeous babies into the May Park Family. I hope that you will join us in congratulating Mr Collins, Mrs Grey and Ms Kitsiou on their new additions!

GOODBYES

We are saying goodbye to a number of staff this term. They have been fantastic members of our community and we are sorry to see them go. We wish them all the best in the future and we hope we will see them again soon. Due to social distancing our personal goodbyes will be in September.

Mrs Teague - Marrakesh Class



Miss Richards - Washington Class

Ms Stone - Canberra Class

Mrs Harris-Simpson - Nairobi Class

Ms Heeley - Learning Support Team

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER

Dance, French, Spanish, Arabic and Forest School are all on the cards for September! Ms Sturge is working on developing a new music curriculum too. We are continuing to work on our creative curriculum but are also developing the idea of “diverse voices”. Our diverse voices work will focus on teaching our curriculum from many different viewpoints and will develop in response to the BLM movement.

CLASS DOJO – THINGS TO DO IN THE HOLIDAYS

There will be links to social stories, holiday activities and holiday news posted on Class Dojo. Please check into the site occasionally over the holidays.



It has been a year, but despite the challenges it has been fantastic working with you all. I am really looking forward to seeing what 2020-2021 holds in store for us!

Happy holidays,

Ms Spence

Y2 PARENTS & CARERS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Admin Team

Please note, from September 2020 you will need to pay for your child's school lunches as they become Year 3 pupils. The current price is £2.30 per day payable on ParentPay.com. You can pay for as many meals in advance as you wish by changing the amount box. If your child is a pupil premium child, you will be advised by text from the school of the free school meal protection in place in year 3.

If you wish to apply for pupil premium free school meals, a form is being sent home for you to complete. Alternatively your child can bring a pack lunch from home.



SOIL ASSOCIATION HERB GARDEN PROJECT – Mr Fey

I built the herb garden with a mixed group of key worker children during the Easter holidays. Helping a 5 year old use an electric screw driver was great fun. I gave the instructions to the group and let them work out how to construct the box and just helped with the screwing. The children loved planting it up and caring for the seedlings over the next 7 weeks. Thanks for providing us with this opportunity.

VIRTUAL FEELINGS BOX – The Pastoral Team

The Pastoral team have created a Virtual Feelings Box on the website for pupils to share any feelings that they wish to. The box can be found under the Pupils tab. This is a permanent fixture to the website and will be monitored by staff regularly throughout term time and holidays. Please let your children know about this facility. We will also share the information with children when we return to school.



OPPORTUNITY: GET INVOLVED IN A NEW RESEARCH PROJECT WITH UWE!

What are the children of Bristol saying about their experiences of adapting to life during a pandemic?

Children's lives have changed rapidly during Bristol's response to the pandemic. How are they adapting to the changes in learning, social distancing and less contact with friends, family and community? How can we ensure that we listen to what children are saying, represent their voices and ensure that plans for the future are informed by their current experiences?

A research team at UWE Bristol want to better understand the experiences of primary school children. They have designed a creative research project working with a community artist to find out how life is changing, and how they want to shape their future, from children and their families.



Over the summer, the team will find out if they have been successful in securing the funding to complete this project; and then the fun will begin! We plan to design a whole range of creative and visual ways in which children can tell us about their experiences. We hope that you will be eager to get involved and help us bring together children's voices in a pandemic (Project VIP). We will update on whether Project VIP is able to proceed through our partner schools and children's centres.

UNIFORM ORDERING - INITIALLY YOURS

We are expecting pupils to return in full school uniform in September. Initially Yours (our uniform provider) has the following options for ordering:

- Online (www.initiallyyours.co.uk)
- Telephone - 07935 976738 (credit or debit card payment)

Orders can be posted or collected in the usual way.



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UPCOMING OPEN EVENTS

- Thursday 14th October 9.30am
- Thursday 4th November 9.30am, 1.30pm & 5.30 pm
- Thursday 18th November 9.30 am
- Monday 6th December 9.30am and 1.30pm
- Monday 10th January 9.30am

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GENERAL CATERING ASSISTANT VACANCY

Our new catering provider, Edwards & Ward, are recruiting for a Catering Assistant to join their team, to assist generally with the preparation, presentation and service of food within the School to the Company's standard and Client satisfaction. To carry out daily cleaning tasks within the kitchen and dining hall/room as instructed by the Catering Supervisor/Client.

This role is Monday to Friday, Term Time Only, Free DBS and Free Training.

Please contact Becky Neale on: RNeale@edwardsandward.co.uk to arrange an interview.





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