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Dear Parents/Carers

### Summer Term 2021

The first week of the summer term saw me caught up in what seemed like a complete whirlwind of activity so apologies for my first newsletter of the summer term being somewhat delayed. Although in many ways it seems like life is well on the way back to normality (thank goodness!), schools are still operating under government guidance to reduce the risk of infection from COVID19 and until that changes we are still in bubbles keeping our classes separate and not operating as we would under normal circumstances.

We can all be hopeful that after **21<sup>st</sup> June** all restrictions will be lifted but the truth is we just don't know and there may still be separate guidance in place for schools after 21<sup>st</sup> June especially as regards managing events. This makes it a challenge to plan for summer term events so please bear with us. Normally, I would be sending out a list of dates so I hope you will understand why it is not possible to do that. For example, sports day would normally fall at the beginning of July and is normally attended by many of our families using the facilities at the village sports centre and of course that includes providing toilets for over 200 children and at least 300 parents. It may be that we have to hold our sports day at school with no spectators this year and I know that many other schools are planning to do this. I will of course keep you informed as soon as I have more information.

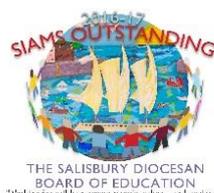
After school clubs are only running where they are led by external providers and/or where children can be kept in separate bubbles. Teachers kindly do clubs voluntarily, often in pairs and involving children from various different bubbles. I hope you can appreciate that this is not practicable at present due to the restrictions.

### Staff changes

- Mrs Newsome left our school at Easter. We were able to give her a lovely leaving assembly, messages from all the children in a special book, flowers and a generous cheque made of donations from parents, staff and governors. We will all miss Mrs Newsome very much and wish her well for her new life in Cornwall.
- Mrs Newsome has been replaced by Mr Chris Turner as our music teacher. As he is self-employed, choir will become a paid for club when it resumes as we need to cover costs.
- Mrs Crosse has taken over as French teacher for all KS2 classes.
- We have appointed a new teaching assistant for Y5 called Ms Binks and she will start this week working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with Mrs Barnett working on Mondays and Tuesdays, just as it was before.
- Sadly, Mrs Phillips has handed in her notice as Cleaner in charge but we are promoting Mrs Pietersen, our assistant cleaner, to be our new Cleaner in charge and she can spend this term learning the senior role whilst working alongside Mrs Phillips.
- We are advertising for a new assistant cleaner for 15 hours a week (3 hours per day either before 8.30am or from 3pm). We would be prepared to consider splitting the days into a job share. Please do get in touch if you would like to be considered and spread the word if think you know someone who would be interested.

### School photographs

Class photographs are taking place this **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April** plus individual photos for Y6.



## Poetry Competition

We are looking forward to the Poetry Competition taking place on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April in the afternoon**. Children have been performing poems in front of their classes to decide who the finalists are. Sadly, parents can not attend this year.

## Parking

I have had a complaint that parents are parking on the verges in the village at pick up time, one area mentioned was the verge opposite the village sports centre. Whilst legally there are no parking restrictions there, the complaint was that it is damaging the verge and narrowing the road. Parking is available at the Church or parents could either arrive a little earlier to get a space or a little later once the rush is over. I think we may have more cars because lift sharing is not allowed unless you are part of a child care bubble and also because without so many clubs, more children are collected at the same time. It is important to protect the verges and I assured the complainant that I would communicate this to parents.

## Charity Fund Raising

- Bag2School for the school charity FOBS raised £321.30 so that was a bumper load! Thank you very much.
- Thank you to FOBS for implementing my idea to give every child an Easter Egg and to Mrs Barnett and Miss Lester for organising all the Easter Eggs. It was a lovely way to finish off the term and to remind everyone that FOBS is still here, supporting the children with little extras.
- Red Nose Day raised £184.90 for the charity Comic Relief.

## TD Days 20/21

All schools have 5 TD Days per year to allocate. We have used 3 TD Days so far this year and the next 2 will fall at the end of the summer term on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021. The last day for the children will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 and it will be a 1.30pm finish as usual.

## TD Days 21/22

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

## Term dates

All school term dates are available on the Wiltshire Council website. Wiltshire Council have also added term dates for 2022 - 2023.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1684/Term-dates-and-holidays>

Hopefully the next school year 2021-2022 will see a complete return to normality for us all! In the meantime, we all look forward to making the most of the summer term 2021 with your children. It is certainly a much more positive situation for primary school education than that which we all faced during the summer term last year!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amanda Brockway  
Headteacher

