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Summer Week 2, 2021 Newsletter



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Hello Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. It was great that shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants were able to open outdoors. I enjoyed my first pint in a pub garden but by eck it was cold!

The positive cases recorded for our local area are still very low, which is fantastic. We seem to be through cold and flu season now as well and I am really pleased that attendance at school is currently really good.

Can I remind you that the gates to the playground are opened at 8.50am. Please do not come before this time as it is creating a crowd of people waiting for the gates to open and under current guidelines we are trying to reduce the amount of people on site in large groups.

The gates close at 9.05am so please ensure your child is in class by this time. Please remember that only one parent should be coming onto site with the children and if possible, leave them at the bottom of the drive to walk round to class by themselves.

Thank you all for your continued support and here's hoping we have a fabulous Summer Term.

P. Scragg
Head Teacher

Updates and Reminders

- **INSET days**
 - **School will be closed on Friday 2nd July and Monday 5th July**
 - I have booked two inset days to give us a long weekend at the start of July. Hopefully the weather will be good and we can all get a relaxing break in the sunshine.
- **Carnival**
 - **Norbriggs School Carnival will take place on Thursday 1st July at 2pm, weather permitting. Please book the date in your diary.**
 - Our carnival preparations are in full swing. All classes have chosen a country to represent and learning all about the culture of that country.
 - We are all learning a dance, making outfits and head dresses, cooking food and designing artwork and games for the day.
 - I desperately hope Boris allows it to go ahead and the weather is good.
 - Our aim is to bring the community together for the first time in over 12 months for some fun and laughter.
 - There will be an admission charge of £5 per family to help cover our costs but once inside everything is free.
- **School Field**
 - I put a plea out on Facebook asking people not to walk their dogs during the school day and we have seen a reduction in dog walking. However there are still some.
 - We have been using the field at lunchtimes and the children really enjoy it. We want to use the field all day for sports but having dogs on the field makes this impossible to do safely. Even the most placid dog can be a risk around lot's of excited children with a ball.
 - I have put an order in to have a fence installed which will mean that the field can be used safely.
 - This will likely upset some people but it is more important that the children are safe.
 - I will open the field gate in the evening and weekend so that the community can still use the field.
- **Assessment**
 - There will not be any formal tests at the end of this year. However we will do our own internal tests so that we can gauge any gaps in learning and feed this into our planning for September when the children move into their new classes.
- **Transition Days**
 - Normally we would have a couple of days early in July where the Year 6 children visit their new Secondary school. I am in talks with the local Secondary Schools to see if this will happen this year and in what form. I will let you know when we have a plan.
- **Sports week**
 - Weather permitting we will hold a week of sporting activities the week beginning 12th July.
 - Hopefully there will be a traditional competitive event that you will be invited to watch, support and join in with.
 - Again, I will let you know the date of this as soon as we know it can go ahead.



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- **Holidays**
 - Government guidance regarding holidays in term time has not changed. I am unable to authorise term time holidays and if you take your children out of school during term time, this may result in you being issued a penalty by the Local Authority.
- **Bike ability**
 - Year 3 children have completed level 1 bike ability. This was done on the playground and concentrates on riding safely and confidently.
 - Year 5 children have also completed Level 1. Those that had a good level of riding skills completed level 2 bike ability. They were taught the skills they will need to ride safely on the road.
 - Reception children will have balance bike sessions of the next 4 Wednesdays to give them the confidence to begin to learn to ride a bike.
- **Gardening**
 - We are always looking to improve the range of learning activities we can offer and I am really pleased that each class will develop a garden plot and the children will have the responsibility to manage their plot.
 - We have planted a fruit tree orchard and the children are really interested in watching the trees grow and asking about when they will fruit.
 - We have also created a wildlife shrubbery filled with a range of plants that flower at different times of the year which have been chosen to attract butterflies and bees. This will mature and full out quickly and we will be a valuable resource to use when teaching the children about climate change, the seasons, pollination, the importance of bees and so much more.
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Term Dates

- Summer 2021**

 - Monday 3rd May 2021 May Day – school closed
 - Thursday 6th May Local elections in Nursery, Nursery children will be taught in the school hall for this day
 - Friday 28th May 2021 School finishes for half term
 - Monday 7th June 2021 Children back to school
 - Friday 2nd July INSET Day, no children
 - Monday 5th July INSET Day, no children
 - Tuesday 6th July Y6 transition day at Secondary
Children spend the morning in their new class
 - Wednesday 7th July Y6 transition day at Secondary
New Reception parents meeting in the school hall
 - Thursday 22nd July 2021 School finishes for the Summer
- Autumn 2021**

 - Thursday 2nd September 2021 INSET Day, no children
 - Friday 3rd September 2021 INSET Day, no children
 - Monday 6th September 2021 Children back to school
 - Friday 22nd October 2021 School finishes for half term
 - Monday 1st November 2021 Children back to school
 - Thursday 23rd December 2021 School finishes for Christmas
- Spring 2022**

 - Monday 10th January 2022 Children back to school
 - Friday 18th February 2022 School finishes for half term
 - Monday 28th February 2022 Children back to school
 - Friday 8th April 2022 School finishes for Easter
- Summer 2022**

 - Monday 25th April 2022 Children back to school
 - Monday 2nd May 2022 May Day
 - Monday 9th May 2022 KS2 SATs week
 - Friday 28th May 2022 School finishes for half term
 - Monday 6th June 2022 Children back to school
 - Friday 22nd July 2022 School finishes for the summer
- Autumn 2022**

 - Thursday 1st September 2022 INSET Day, no children
 - Friday 2nd September 2022 INSET Day, no children
 - Monday 5th September 2022 Children back to school



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