

Dates for the Summer Term

Friday 25 th May	INSET Day
Half Term	
Monday 4 th June	Return to school
Wednesday 6 th June	Class photographs
Friday 8 th June 9.15 to 12.00 1.30 to 3.15	School Sports Day – KS2 in the morning and KS1 and Reception in the afternoon. Parents welcome!
Wednesday 13 th June	New intake meeting for parents of children starting in Reception class in September 6pm
Friday 15 th June	Back up day for Sports Day
Monday 18 th June	Reception Class with the Nomad Rangers
Tuesday 19 th June	Year 3 and Year 4 with the Nomad Rangers
Tuesday 19 th June	Y5 trip – Crucial Crew at Wigan Life Centre
Thursday 21 st June	Year 5 and Year 6 with the Nomad Rangers
Tuesday 26 th June	Year 1 and Year 2 with the Nomad Rangers
Friday 29 th June	We will be collecting chocolate donations for the Summer Fair – donations will be exchanged for a raffle ticket to win a family treat hamper.
Tuesday 3 rd July	Y2 trip to Chester Zoo
Tuesday 3 rd July	Up Holland Festival of Music
Thursday 5 th July	Y4 trip to Greenslate Farm
Saturday 7 th July	Summer Fair
Friday 13 th July	PSFA Summer Disco
Friday 13 th July	Final Friday Celebration Assembly for the year.
Monday 16 th July	Optional Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18 th July	Year 6 Games and BBQ at school 3.30 to 6.00pm. Parents are welcome to join the party from 5.30pm and enjoy a slice of cake and a glass of something bubbly.
Thursday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly at school. Starting at 9.30 am – refreshments will be served afterwards.
Thursday 19 th July – 3.00pm	'School Tunnel of Love' for Y6 pupils. The whole school will congregate at 3.00pm to create a human tunnel. We will cheer and clap our lovely Y6 pupils as they walk through to send them on their way. Parent of Y6 pupils are welcome to come and join us.



24th May 2018

Election of Parent Governor

We are pleased to inform you of the result from our recent Parent Governor election. The successful candidate is Claire Norcott.

We would like to thank those who put their names forward and we are sorry that there were insufficient places for all those interested this time. Mr Chris Twist is continuing to work at the Greengate Trust at a senior level and Councillor Michael Winstanley has taken up the role of Chair of Governors.

Sports Day

Sports day will be held on Friday 8th June. KS2 in the morning from 9.15am and KS1 in the afternoon from 1.30pm. Parents, grandparents etc. are welcome to watch. Children can either wear a T shirt in the colour of their house or a normal white P.E T shirt with a colour band which school will provide.

Information evening for children starting school in September

There will be an information evening for the parents of children who will be starting school in September. This will be on Wednesday 13th June at 6pm.

PSFA Sponsored Walk

Thank you to all the children who took part in our annual PSFA sponsored fancy dress walk last Friday. The costumes looked amazing. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who came to support the event and to those who donated cakes to sell during the afternoon. Please return your sponsorship forms and monies to school as soon as possible and don't forget that if you are a UK taxpayer, you can gift aid your sponsorship; this doesn't cost you anything extra but school gets an extra 25p in the £1 from the Government.

Sun cream and sun hats

As the weather has been nice and sunny, it is important that sun cream is applied to your child before coming to school. Please also provide your child with a sun hat/cap to wear during break times. School caps are available to purchase from the school office and cost just £3.00

Music lessons and after school clubs

Invoices have been sent home, if you have not already made payment, please could you send this in as soon as possible. If you would like more information about how you can pay online by credit/debit card, please contact the school office.

Out of School Childcare Survey

We wanted to explore the possibility of providing longer 'out of school hours' care to support our working parents. We had 30 responses and 28 said they would want to use the service.

Only 6 responses said that they would use the 'out of hours' care daily and most responses said between 1 and 3 days per week. A common written comment was that parents said their children enjoyed the current clubs and activities and hoped an 'out of hours care' would not have an impact on them.

A fairly common theme for breakfast club (14 responses) was that parents would prefer an earlier start.

3 responses said they would use a holiday club provision.

On the basis of the response we have decided to enhance what is already in place by:

- Starting breakfast club from 7.30am from September 2018
- Continue with after school provision as it is and further consult with parents about whether a 5pm finish time would be welcome/cost effective.
- Look at introducing a wider range of clubs – our pupils have said they would love a drama club for example.

I apologise that this will not meet the requirements of all of our parents but will hopefully meet the needs of the majority. The aim of our current 'out of school hours' care is to provide a service rather than to make money.

Child Care Vouchers

We can accept child care vouchers to pay for breakfast and after school clubs. We are in the process of setting this system up. If you would like to pay using vouchers please come into the school office and give your details so that we can set it up.

Building work at school

We are having our school roof completely replaced along with ceilings and some windows, thanks to a huge grant from the Department for Education. Scaffolding will be going up around school over the half term holiday and some smaller scale work will begin. There will be minimal disruption as work that is deemed to pose any risk to pupil safety or inhibit learning time will of course be carried out when pupils have left the building and predominantly over the summer holidays.

Once this work is completed we will be able to focus on improving the school playground and play areas.

School Lunches

From September we will be taking over our own school lunch service. Obviously we will be registered with the food hygiene agency and will be regularly audited. This will give us greater control over the lunches we provide and we will also be revamping the tuck shop options and breakfast club choices with the help of the school council. We are not expecting the cost of lunches to increase. Universal free school meals will carry on as normal.