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NEWSLETTER – April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of the Spring Term! I wanted to say again how resilient and amazing your children are. They have found some things on returning to school challenging, but they are giving it a go and trying their best and that is all we can ask of anyone.

As we move towards the magic date of 21st June, we are looking at what events we can hold in the Summer Term. We feel that even though social distancing measures may end on that date, we won't be going back to normal straight away. We may hold some events, but perhaps differently to how we have done it in past years. We will update you when we have made decisions. We have also decided that between 21st June and the end of the school year, we will be continuing with all the measures we have in place, including staggered start and finish times. Then hopefully, from September we can go back to everyone starting and finishing at the same time.

Have a restful Easter break and we will see you back on Monday 19th April.

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann

Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March

Thank you so much for your support. We raised an amazing £265.85 for Red Nose

Day this year and the children had great fun coming to school in their super hero outfits and non-uniform.



Class Photos

The photographer is coming on Thursday 13th May to take class photos. Please can you let the office know by 23rd April if you do not wish your child to be included. As mentioned in a recent parentmail message, we are asking parents to let us know which style of photograph you would prefer this year, either traditional or contemporary. You can cast your vote by clicking on the link sent out in the parentmail.

Year 1 Grand Designs Project

Well done to all the Year 1 children for their lovely work in creating a 'shoebox room' as part of their topic on houses. We have included some photos on our website.

Forest School

Just a reminder that Forest School will be starting again after Easter. A timetable showing the sessions for each class is available on the website. Children may come to school in their forest school clothes and bring their wellies and waterproofs in a separate bag which they can get changed into at lunchtime. With the weather getting warmer, please can we remind parents of the need for children to still wear long sleeved tops and full length trousers during their Forest school sessions to ensure that arms and legs are fully protected. As we move into the summer months, a sun hat and sun cream will also be essential.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Unfortunately, we have received no nominations to stand as parent governor on our Governing Body. If any parent would be interested in filling this vacancy in the future, please can you let the office know.

Sun Safe Information

Now that the summer will shortly be upon us, we wanted to remind you about our sun safe policy. We have developed this to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely over the coming months. The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but it can lead to skin cancer in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we: -

- Spend time learning about sun protection.
- Provide shade in the playground.
- Encourage pupils to wear sun hats (not baseball caps) when outside.
- Encourage pupils to use at least SPF 25 sunscreen in summer months.

More details of these and other sun protection plans can be found in our sun safe policy, which can be found on our website.

You can help by: -

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home.
- Sending your child to school with a wide-brimmed sun hat (not a baseball cap, which offers little protection).
- Putting sunscreen on your child before they come to school each day during the summer months.

Before/After School Clubs

Unfortunately, we still feel unable to offer our usual before and after school clubs during the summer term. Hopefully this will change come September. We are however able to offer one-to-one music lessons with Inclusive Music and Movement; details as follows: -

♪ Instrumental and Vocal lessons with Inclusive Music and Movement ♪

We are so pleased to be back to face to face teaching for 1:1 instrumental & vocal lessons in your school and can't wait for the Summer Term! We currently

have spaces available for lessons. Whether your child would like to have fun playing the Piano, Violin, Singing, Drums or (almost!) any other instrument, do get in touch so that we can do our best to facilitate them. Days vary depending on the school / instrument, but all lessons take place during the school day during term time. We'd love to support your child(ren) on their musical journey!

For more information, please contact IMM:

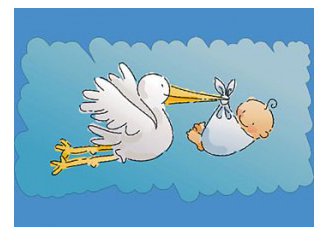
Email: imm@inclusivemusicandmovement.com

Website: <https://inclusivemusicandmovement.weebly.com>

Phone: 07578 774639 between the hours of 9am - 12pm.

Staffing News

We would like to send out best wishes to Louise Williams, TA in Butterfly Class who will be taking maternity leave from Easter.



Mrs Sarah Harman, who has over twelve years TA experience, has been appointed to cover Louise's maternity leave.

It is with mixed emotions we also announce that at the end of this school year, Mrs Fowler will be retiring. While we are excited for her and this new chapter in her life, we will be very sorry to see her go as she has been an invaluable member of our school community for 22 years. During this time, she has taught hundreds of children in all year groups, taken on the role of school governor, led literacy across the school and for the past 10 years, has been a member of our senior leadership team.

Parking

Unfortunately, we are still receiving complaints from local residents about parents parking on the corner of Hawkins Close and Greenlea Avenue/Buckland Drive. We ask all parents to please avoid driving into Hawkins Close if at all possible and to park sensibly in neighbouring streets.

Thank you!

We would like to say a very big 'thank you' to Barfoots Farm for kindly donating a variety of seeds for our growing projects in school. We look forward to seeing the 'results' shortly!

We would also like to thank Pets at Home for kindly donating 'bunny ears' for each of our reception children.

PTA

The PTA would like to thank those children who took part in the Christmas treasure hunt. Everyone who participated received a small prize.

Dates for your Diary

Usually we would have lots of events going on in the Summer Term, but at this point in time we are not able to forward plan as we do not know what we will be safely allowed to do. As the term progresses, we will update you on new events, trying to give as much notice as possible.

Event	Date	Time
Easter holidays	2 nd - 16 th April	
Start of Summer Term	Monday 19 th April	
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 3 rd May	
Class Photos	Thursday 13 th May	
Walk to School Week	17 th - 21 st May	
Half term	31 st May - 4 th June	
INSET Day	Monday 7 th June	
School reports to be sent home	Friday 9 th July	
Last day of term for children	Thursday 22 nd July	
Inset Day	Friday 23 rd July	