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## NEWSLETTER – June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term week and extended Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend. There are now only seven weeks until the end of the school year, with lots going on, so please keep an eye out for letters and ParentMails which will keep you up to date on what is happening.

A few people have asked me recently what is happening with our wooden play equipment. Unfortunately, it has been out of use for quite a while now. Alongside the daily inspections we undertake, we have to have an annual inspection by a qualified inspector. In our 2020/21 inspection, a number of items were found to have early rotting and we were advised to get repairs in order to keep the equipment in use. We requested these repairs with the company who maintained the equipment but due to the pandemic and related issues getting materials, they were not able to make repairs until 9 months later. Just as this was about to happen, the 2021/22 annual inspection took place and the condition of the equipment had deteriorated so much that we were instructed to immediately take it out of use as it was unsafe.

Unfortunately, play equipment, either to repair or replace, is not cheap! Since the inspection in January, we have been busy working to get the money together and we were able to do that by the end of March. We then obtained quotes from a range of companies and placed an order to replace / repair all items in April. The issue still remains with obtaining materials and so the work cannot take place until the selected company is able to get all required materials.

We realise that some of you are frustrated that your children don't have access to the equipment at playtimes but this is out of our control. We do get out other items such as balls, hoops, skipping ropes, etc. so they have something to do. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to get the project completed soon.

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann

### Sports Week (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June)

To launch National Sports Week, children may come to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June in 'sporty clothes' i.e. football kits, dance clothes, karate kits etc. Then for the rest of the week they may wear their normal PE kits every day instead of their school uniform.

Just a reminder that the Year 2 sports morning is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.15 a.m. (reserve date 29<sup>th</sup> June), the Reception sports morning is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 9.15 a.m. (reserve 30<sup>th</sup> June) and Year 1 is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15 a.m. (reserve 1<sup>st</sup> July)

As we are doing PE outside a lot more this term, please can you ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school every day and that their plimsolls or trainers still fit!



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### The Big Sing

Our thanks to Mrs Lloyd and the children in Oak Class who took part in the 'Big Sing' at the Arena on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. The children sang beautifully.



### Jubilee Tea Party - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

The children had an enjoyable afternoon tea party on the last day of term and we were delighted that the 'Queen' could spare a few minutes out of her busy schedule to visit us! Please do look on our website to see photos of the children enjoying themselves.



### Reception Pirate and Mermaid Day - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July

To tie in with our topic on water this term we are inviting the Reception children to a pirate and mermaid day. We will be doing lots of activities outside, playing games and hunting for treasure.



The children may dress up as a pirate or a mermaid for the day if they so wish but please can they wear sensible shoes that they can put on/take off themselves.

We will also be providing the children with a drink and a biscuit - if you do not wish your child to have this or would like to provide an alternative, please let us know.

### PTA News

The children had a lovely time at the school disco held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May (see photos on our website). Our thanks to parents and staff who helped at this event, which raised £631.35 towards PTA funds.

The PTA will be selling ice creams in the playground after school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. All ice creams and lollies will be either 50p or £1.00 so please remember to bring some change on these days! Please can you let the office know if you are able to help sell the ice creams. Thank you.



The PTA are busy planning for the Summer Fair on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. If you are able to help with the running of a stall (they need another 15 volunteers!), please can you let the office know. They are also after cuddly toys and toys in general that are in good condition. They would also welcome any donations for raffle prizes and anyone who could help with advertising costs/flyers/posters.



### School Uniform

If any parent would like any uniform ordered by the office staff for September (instead of ordering direct with our uniform suppliers, School Trends) these will need to be placed by 10<sup>th</sup> June to allow for the uniform to be delivered before we break up.

### Clothes Bin

If you are having a 'spring clean', please remember our clothes bin just inside the school gates. The PTA gets 60p per kilo for any clothes and shoes donated and 15p for bric-a-brac.

### Year 2 Celebration Concerts

Two Year 2 concerts have been arranged for the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets will be available for these concerts from the class teachers on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a total of two tickets available per child. We would appreciate it if you try not to bring babies or toddlers along, but if you have to, they can come to the afternoon concert on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Can we please ask that you take them out of the hall if they are noisy or cause a distraction to the children - everyone works so hard to learn the songs and

lines and they can be so easily distracted.

Thank you ☺

### Staffing for September

For information, the staffing structure for the 2022-23 academic year is as follows:

Class	Teacher	TA
<b>Reception</b>		
Poppy	Miss Beeney	Mrs Legg
Sunflower	Mrs Bennett	Miss Waller
Bluebell	New Teacher (Mon - Wed) Mrs McGahey (Thurs & Fri)	Mrs Parker
<b>Year 1</b>		
Butterfly	Mrs Tilling	Mrs Harman
Ladybird	Ms Prosser	Mrs Davis
Hedgehog	Mrs Parsons/ Mrs Lovell	Mrs Hood
<b>Year 2</b>		
Sycamore	Miss Miles	Mrs Corbould (Mon - Thurs) Miss Berry (Fri)
Oak	Mrs Sugden/ Mrs Lloyd	Mrs Williams
Willow	Miss Court	Mrs Hawkins

### Staffing Update

You will be able to work out from the staffing structure that from September, Miss Campbell will no longer be with us. She has secured a job in a nursery school. We wish her the very best of luck.

Mrs Perrin will no longer be a class TA but is moving into a part time role within our SEND team.

We are also saying goodbye in July to Mrs Simmons, who has decided it is time to retire after many years here! We wish her a very happy retirement when it arrives.

Mrs McGahey will still be full time but will be covering PPA Monday to Wednesday (teachers' non-contact time) across the school. We are in the process of recruiting her job share partner.

We welcome Mrs Williams back from her maternity leave.

Finally, we are being joined on a Friday by Miss Berry, a new TA in Y2, as Mrs Corbould goes back to four days a week.

### Makaton Magic

Please see the attached sheet showing the signs the children have been learning during May.



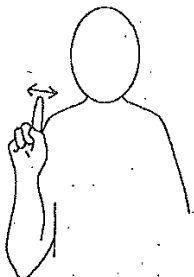
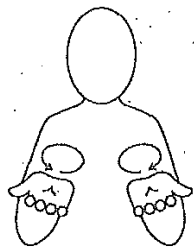
## Dates for your Diary - more details to follow (New dates in Red)

Event	Date	Time
National Phonics testing week	w/c Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	
Reception visiting Willowhale Library followed by a picnic lunch	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	
<span style="color: red;">PTA selling ice creams after school</span>	<span style="color: red;">Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June</span>	<span style="color: red;">3pm</span>
<span style="color: red;">Huff n Puff and Common Wealth Games for Reception and Year 2 at the Arena</span>	<span style="color: red;">Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June (parents to drop children to the Arena at 9.15 am. Coaches will bring them back in time for lunch)</span>	
Year 1 visit to Amberley Museum	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	
Year 2 African drumming workshops	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Performance for Year 2 parents at 2.30 pm
Sports Week	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	
Sports Mornings	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June - Year 2 Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June - Reception Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June - Year 1	<span style="color: red;">9.15 am</span>
Reserve Sports Mornings	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June - Reception Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July - Year 1	<span style="color: red;">9.15 am</span>
New Reception Parents meeting	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	7.00 pm
<span style="color: red;">Year 2 to visit Junior School for PE afternoon</span>	<span style="color: red;">Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June</span>	<span style="color: red;">1.00 pm</span>
Transition Day	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	
School Reports to be sent home	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	
PTA School Summer Fair	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	12 - 3 pm
<span style="color: red;">Year 2 parents meeting at the Junior School</span>	<span style="color: red;">Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July</span>	<span style="color: red;">5.00 pm</span>
Open Afternoon	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15 - 3 pm
<span style="color: red;">Year 2 Concert</span>	<span style="color: red;">Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July (no pre-school children)</span>	<span style="color: red;">2.00 pm 9.15 am</span>
Reception Pirate/Mermaid Day	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	
Outside Play Day	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	
<span style="color: red;">PTA selling ice creams after school</span>	<span style="color: red;">Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</span>	<span style="color: red;">3pm</span>
<span style="color: red;">Year 2 Leavers Disco</span>	<span style="color: red;">Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July</span>	<span style="color: red;">4.00 - 5.15 pm</span>
<span style="color: red;">Year 2 Leavers Assembly</span>	<span style="color: red;">Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July</span>	<span style="color: red;">2.15 pm</span>
Last day of term for children	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	



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We have been learning the following signs this month



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