

Monday 28th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just an update of some of the events which are taking place as we approach the end of term.

# Tue 29th June -NACE Re-accreditation assessment day

Many of you will know that we are very proud to hold the NACE challenge award. This is in recognition of the provision, work and intervention we provide for our more able and talented learners. Mr Keith Watson, NACE assessor is travelling up from Sussex to reassess our school for the award.

# Wed 30th June- Class Swap/Transition Day

This is an important day to prepare our children for their new year groups/class teacher and class room in September. We will be unable to mix class bubbles but their new teachers will come into their bubbles and prepare children for September. Current Year 1 who will be Year 2 in September will be able to spend the day in their new classroom with their new class teacher Miss Grimes.

# Thur 8th July- Class 1 Performance of Jack and the Beanstalk

For parents/carers of Class 1 only. Weather permitting, we will try and hold this performance outdoors permitting one parent/carer per child. This performance will begin

at 10.00am. Please queue outside school 2m apart and wait for an adult to bring you on to school site.

# Fri 9th July- Class 4's performance of WOW! What a Year!

For parents/carers of Class 4 only. Weather permitting, we will try and hold this performance outdoors permitting one parent/carer per child. This performance will begin at 10.00am. Please queue outside school 2m apart and wait for an adult to bring you on to school site.

# Fri 9th July- Times Table Rockstar Day

Children are in invited to come to school dressed as rockstars/favourite popstar for the day and will take part in maths activities and a class bubble disco treat.

Fri 9th July- End of Year Reports sent out to Parents/Carers

Week beginning 12th July- No after school catch up tuition this week

# Mon 12th July-Parents Open Evening 2-5pm

Normally this is the time parents/carers can come into school to see class work or discuss end of year reports further if necessary. Unfortunately, we will not be able to allow parents/carers to come into school due to restrictions being delayed but we will send some showcase examples of your child's work home for you to see and celebrate. If you would like to discuss end of year reports, please contact school office to make a telephone appointment with class teacher.

# Thur 15th July- Y6 Leavers assembly.

For parents/carers of Year 6 only. Weather permitting, we will try and hold this performance outdoors permitting one parent/carer per child. This will begin at 9.30am. Please queue outside school 2m apart and wait for an adult to bring you on to school site.

# Thur 15th July Y6 Prom

This will still be able to take place as planned for children only. Weather permitting before prom starts one parent/carer can come with child to take photographs of Year 6 bubble on school field. This will start at 4.30pm and finish at 6.30pm. We will have a disco, Mcdonalds tea, popcorn and candyfloss cart.

# Fri 16th July- Outdoor Picnic with Parents/Carers and Celebration of Mrs Shaw's Retirement.

Outdoor picnic will still take place keeping class bubbles separate but unfortunately we will not be able to invite parents/carers. We will upload photographs of special celebration on our school website. We will have a disco, entertainment and bouncy castles for the children. Children can come to school in non-uniform.

#### Fri 16th July –End of Summer Term

**Thur 2nd Sep**— Children return to school- I will update parents/carers with start times etc as soon as I have further guidelines from Government.

**Breakfast club** -will begin on Thursday 2nd September. Children arrive at school 8am for those who wish to attend and pay via parent pay at the cost of £1 per day.

**School Dinners**-will increase from £2.10 per day to £2.15 per day from September 2021. If you have arrears with your school meals, please can you ensure these are paid. Many Thanks

**Staffing Update-** Miss Amelia Grimes begins to work alongside Mrs Aspinall this week to get to know children and parents/carers before she starts in September teaching Year 2 in our new classroom-Class 3.

We are also pleased to let you know that Mrs Marie Plant will be returning to work in our school this week and continue from September to help support some of our children in Class 1.

Unfortunately Mr Nicholson is leaving after over 25 years of service in our school. We would like to thank him for his hard work and dedication in looking after our school all these years and wish him all the luck for the future. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new school caretaker and will let you know in due course of the successful candidate.

#### **COVID-19 Information**

Please remember that if your child develops any of the three key symptoms of COVID-19, you must keep them off school and book them a PCR test and you need to inform the school that they are absent due to suspected COVID-19. Whilst a lot of the time these tests end up being negative, every potential case of COVID-19 has implications for school – if we are aware that pupils are going for tests, we can begin planning for a potential bubble closure sooner. If we only find out once they have received a positive result, this understandably causes extra strain and stress which could be eased if we were aware of the possibility. In addition to this, we are required to report to the DfE on a daily basis whether we have pupils off for reasons relating to COVID-19, so it is imperative that we know if that is why your child is off so our information can be as accurate as possible.

# **COVID-19 Symptoms & Testing**

It is also important to remember that if you, or your child, develop symptoms of COVID-19, it is not enough to have a lateral flow test, which many of you will be taking on a regular basis. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms must isolate and book a PCR test whether or not you have had a negative lateral flow test.

# School Holidays and Term Dates 2020 – 2021

I am sure that many of you will have had holidays cancelled or postponed and will be considering when these can be re-booked for next year. We are seeing a growing number of children on holiday during term time. It is really important to remember that holidays during term times can only be authorised in very exceptional circumstances. Very few holidays are ever authorised and this is likely to be even lower next year. It is going to be essential for ALL children to be in school as much as possible due to the extended closure of schools during the latter half of this year. Please also bear in mind that if you do decide to take a holiday during term time which has not been authorised, if your child is out of school for more than 7 consecutive days you can be fined – £60 per parent for each child.

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer Holiday	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Wednesday 2nd September 2020
October Half Term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
Christmas Holiday	Friday 18th December 2020	Tuesday 5th January 2021
February Half Term	Friday 12th February 2021	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
Easter Holiday	Friday 26th March 2021	Tuesday 13th April 2021
May Day	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Tuesday 4th May 2021
Summer Half Term	Friday 28th May 2021	Monday 7th June 2021
Summer Holiday	Friday 16th July 2021	Thursday 2nd September 2021

We would like to wish you a lovely summer holiday and thankyou again for your continued support.

Many Thanks

Donna Lee

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