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INSET Days

2020/21

Tuesday 1st September

Friday 23rd October

Friday 2nd July

Monday 19th July

Tuesday 20th July

Joke of the Month

Q: What did the beach say
to the tide when it came in?

A: Long time, no sea.



Dates for your Diary:

Monday 29th June

Wider Opening for Y6 Pupils

Wednesday 15th July

Y6 Transition at Maltby
Academy

Friday 17th July

Break Up for Summer
Holidays

Tuesday 1st September

INSET Day

Wednesday 2nd September

New term begins.

Thank You

NHS

Thank You All Key Workers

Mrs Cliff's Comments

Wider Opening

June has been very different in school this year as normally it is the busiest month with all the final year assessments and records of achievements being completed as well as the planning of the end of term events such as the Summer Fayre, Sports Day and Leavers BBQ. We have been welcoming back some of our pupils in Reception, Year 1 and from Monday next week, Year 6 children as well as a greater number of Key Worker children.

Reception and Year 1 children have now returned, albeit on a part time basis. It has been wonderful seeing more and more children back in the building and the children have been skipping up the path each day looking forward to their day. Parents have reported that the children are so happy to be back in school and are very tired when they return home and getting a good night's sleep again. It is reassuring that the measures we have worked hard to put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of the children are helping to ease parents' anxieties about their children coming into school and the one way system and staggered drop off/pick up times are working well.

This month we have increased our capacity for Key Worker children from two bubbles to now having five bubbles each day. The teachers who have taken responsibility for the teaching of the Key Worker children have been dedicated to not only focus on the learning, but also on the well-being of the

children; being in school when some of their friends are learning from home has been very difficult for some children. The Key Worker children in the Year 4/5 bubble last week focused their learning around the book 'The Promise' by Nicola Da-

vies. The story is about a girl who plants acorns to brighten up the city and turn it from black and white to colour. It is a story which the children could relate to at this difficult time and linked the learning to looking at the natural environment within the school grounds and using identification keys to identify what trees we have growing. The Year 6 Key Worker children have also been busy completing their transition activities but also creating a huge model tree out of chicken wire and Modroc; apologies to the parents for the white trousers and trainers but the children had an amazing time and it made a difference from the intensity of the learning which has taken place all year for the Year 6 children although last week they were given £5 million pounds to design a theme park and budget the costs involved. Questions raised and debates took place over whether you should buy more bins or employ someone to pick up litter.

Our youngest children have also been busy learning about different traditional tales such as "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". They have made porridge following a simple recipe as well as making character masks and retelling the story.

The KS1 key worker children have been following the learning journey 'What does it feel like to be beside the seaside?'. They have been reading the book 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and studied the artist 'Vincent Van Gogh'. They have even made ice cream and enjoyed eating it outside whilst enjoying the sunshine.

"My child is really
enjoying his home
learning pack thank
you so much."

Y3 Parent

"Thank you so much for
the help and support it
really helps keeping us
going."

Y2 Parent

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Home Learning

Whilst the children have been busy in school, I know many of them have been working really hard at home to continue their learning. Again I would like to thank the dedication of all our parents to keep our children motivated and safe. I have

"I know everyone is trying their hardest to make it safe and I can't thank them enough. All the teachers have been amazing over this difficult time thank you for all your support"
- Reception Parent

spoken to many of you over the last few weeks about how your child is becoming disengaged and not showing any interest in their learning. Please be assured that you are all doing an amazing job and the main priority is the mental health of our children (and yourselves), so don't put yourself under too much pressure. Focus on doing little short tasks at a time, spend as much time as you can outdoors and pick your battles carefully. We will work hard with your children when they do return back to school but they need to be in the right frame of mind when they do return and we can fill any gaps they have missed.

"Thanks for the reply last week and answering those few questions. The email sent out by Mrs Cliff really put my mind at rest and it sounds like you are all doing whatever you can to make sure everyone is protected. I'm starting to think it's not going to be as bad as what I imagined and kids are much more resilient than what we give them credit for so I'm sure they take it all in their stride."

Y2/5 Parent

Record of Achievement

Over the last few weeks, all the teachers have been busy preparing the children's reports for this year. Once finalised, we will be in touch with you when you can come to school and collect your child's report at a set date and time and speak to your child's current teacher if needed.

Classes for September

When putting the classes together for September this year, we have considered very carefully the needs of the children as many have experienced a prolonged absence due to Covid-19. With this in mind, I have tried to keep the children as settled as possible by maintaining their current class teacher, teaching assistant or staying in their current classroom. This year no classes are going to be split and reorganised and they will all stay as their current groups. As you can appreciate this has taken some planning but I hope it will reassure you that we want the children to happily return in September and continue their journey with us as successfully as possible.

Current Class	New Class	Teacher/TA
Fulwood (Nursery)	Fitzwilliam	Miss Dawes / Mrs O'Connor
	Fountains	Miss Fazakerley / Mrs Lyne
Fitzwilliam	Kelham	Miss Slater / Mrs Bates
Fountains	Kensington	Miss Petch / Mrs Cooper
Kelham	Ashford	Miss Payne / Mrs Jones
Kensington	Aston	Mrs Maddison / Mrs Clarricoates
Aston	Roche	Mrs Mellor / Mrs Haynes
Ashford	Rufford	Mrs Harris / Mrs Frost
Rufford	Buckingham (remain in Rufford classroom)	Mrs Wilby / Mrs Hodgkinson
Roche	Blenheim (Remain in Roche classroom)	Miss Corns / Mrs Holmes
Blenheim	Chatsworth	Miss Walker / Miss Unwin
Buckingham	Cannon	Mrs Chapman / Mrs Brammer / Mr Binney
Chatsworth	Hardwick	Miss Bennett / Mrs Burkinshaw
Cannon	Haddon	Mr Warren / Mrs Agacy

Transition

This year the organisation of transition and enabling your child to spend some time with their next year's class teacher has been extremely difficult due to the partial closure of the school. We are very mindful that the children will not only be feeling nervous about returning to school in September, but also to new teachers, classrooms and members of staff. It is with this in mind that I have put in place plans to try and alleviate your child's (and your) worries. During the final week of term, your child's new class teacher will be emailing you a video message so that you can see who they are. We have a couple of new members of staff joining the team, so it will be especially useful for the children in their classes as they will be totally unfamiliar with them.