



Newsletter 10 – 22nd May 2023

‘Choosing to be Successful’



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we knew this half term was going to be a busy one and my oh my, it has not disappointed! I'll use this part of my newsletter for saying thank you as there are many – firstly, thank you to ALL the families who completed the Parent Survey. We are working very hard in school to provide a positive experience for all and your voice truly does matter. ALL questions were met with at least an 80% strongly agree/agree 😊.

Thank you to all the staff for their incredible hard work – now having 3 members of staff on maternity leave, we are undoubtedly feeling their absence but each and every member of staff, including our newbies, have worked so hard to ensure we continue to provide the best possible service – this has included the additional clubs this ½ term, which for such a small school, is a blessing and I know appreciated by many of you and your children.

Thank you to FOS, not only for running events such as the very successful duck race but for all the meetings and the consistent background support they provide.

Thank you to everyone who has been able to support us with additional things happening in school such as The King's Coronation – the cake donations were overwhelming and the event a huge success. It is so lovely to bring our community together for such an occasion and we look forward to more events in the future.

Thank you to our governors for providing weekly background support (Mr Morrison you were a blessing this half term) and ensuring challenge is kept high so that we continue to improve and maintain high standards.

My final thank you (for now) is to our children, especially our Y6 and Y2 pupils, who through one of the busiest terms, have been wonderful during their SATs. They showed such strength of character and retained good humour, persevering through some tricky tests and we couldn't be prouder. All of our children have proved what great ambassadors they can be for our school and this was fully recognised by our Local Authority visitor last week whose report stated "Leaders have high expectations for pupils' behaviour and conduct. This is reflected in pupils' positive behaviour and conduct across all aspects of school life, not just in the classroom."

That's a lot of thank yous but these are only a snippet of what has been accomplished this half term alone. It is safe to say we're all ready for half term but we're also excited by what term 6, our final half term also has to offer. Have a wonderful break everybody!

Mrs Katie Durant- Good (Headteacher)

Attendance

This is a HUGE item on the national agenda and the focus very much remains on schools and monitoring what is happening within schools everywhere.

This was reviewed by our Local Authority visitor and by the Governors at our meeting last week – we continue to move in the right direction and have a current attendance rate of **95.1%** (just below our target of 96%). Thank you for your support in this matter.

Please continue to support your child by ensuring they attend school as many days as possible. Currently our year groups are above the national trend, apart from Y3, and Y5 is at risk.

The summer is fast approaching, and I know many of you will be looking at and have already requested holidays. It is our policy NOT to authorise such requests. Each application is reviewed on an independent basis, but time absent from school will not be authorised without clear reason for the absence, following the school's absence policy or unless in exceptional circumstances, which need to have been discussed and agreed with the Headteacher.

Clubs

All those that are up and running will continue during the final term. Mrs Middleton will let sewers know when their time is complete. Cricket and choir will run until the week ending 14th July.

Mrs Archer our new dinner lady this half term will be taking over the running of after school club on a Monday next term.

Term 6



Hopefully the sun will continue to shine on us throughout Term 6.

Please remember to send your children back for the term with a named hat and suncream that they can apply. Class 1 staff will support our younger pupils.

Dates

Monday 5th June: Start Term 6 and Cl. 3 Online Safety Workshop

Tuesday 6th June: Stay and Play Cl. 1

Thursday 8th June: Class 1 and 2 Seaside Trip

w/c 5th June: Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

w/c 12th June: Assessment Week (not Y2/6) including Y1 phonics screening test

Wednesday 14th June – Friday 16th June: Cl.3 to PGL and Cl 2 Friendship and Emotions Workshop

w/c 19th June: Arts Week (whole school) and Bikeability Y5/6

Wednesday 28th June: NSPCC Assembly, Cl2 Diversity workshop and Cl 3 Substance Misuse workshop

Friday 30th June: Sports Morning and DEADLINE for counting of reads for VIP TRIP

Monday 3rd July: NSPCC workshop Y5/6 only

Wednesday 5th July: Choir to take part in Singstation at The Theatre Royal

Thursday 6th and Friday 7th July: Y7 Induction Days

Saturday 8th July: Summer Gala

Wednesday 12th July: VIP Readers Trip

Friday 14th July: End of year reports sent home

Tuesday 18th July: Parent drop ins and learning exhibit

Thursday 20th July: Y6 Leavers Evening

Friday 21st July: Year 6 Leavers Assembly (am) and End of Term 6

New School Day – September 2023

In line with government expectations the school day will be extending as of **September 2023** to ensure that learning time is maximised, and we meet the expected 32.5hr week.

To ensure minimal disruption the new school day will be as follows:

- Gates open at **8.40am**
- School starts at **8.45am** and registers will be taken promptly
- School will finish at **3.15pm**

Breakfast and after school clubs will continue to run from 8am until 5pm, however there will be changes to charges inline with rises both locally and nationally.

Lost Property



PLEASE LABEL JUMPERS and CARDIGANS as a minimum. We have a number building back up again in school and no one is laying claim to them as they don't have names in.

ParentMail

I have shared 2 letters via Parentmail this week. One is regards our 'Personal, Social, Health Education' and 'Relationships and Sex Education' programme of learning and the other is the report on the Parent Survey completed this term.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Celebrating Success

Well done and huge congratulations to so many of our pupils this term who have been awarded the Pride Cup, been recognised for their learning achievements and/or received a Secrets to Success certificate for their attitudes towards learning and behaviour. We're very proud!