

Newsletter 20th July 2021

We have reached the penultimate day of the school year. We recognise that this is an academic year that many of us would not want to repeat. However, we would like to **thank you** for your continued support and engagement with the school. The respect, patience and understanding the school team have been shown this year by an overwhelming majority of parents has been incredibly helpful, and enabled teachers, support staff and the school leadership team to focus as much on children's education as possible.

We still welcome feedback...

We have learnt a great deal along the way this year and we have appreciated the support and feedback. If there are feedback comments you would like the teaching team and senior leaders of the school to know, we have this survey you can contribute to: https://tinyurl.com/wej9kj5y This survey will run for this week only.

Feedback from the children

At the end of last week children in Years 2 to 5 completed an online survey feeding back their thoughts on school. The pupils completed these independently and were encouraged to share their honest opinions. The information was very inciteful and we aim to repeat this opportunity for pupil voice regularly.

- When asked 'How enjoyable is school?' The average score was 4.5 (5 being the highest).
- Learning, friendships and enrichment opportunities like trips and forest school were very popular.
- Some subject disciplines were extremely popular: Artists, Designers and PE. Maths and Writing were also subjects that were enjoyed more than others.
- The children shared ways to improve school for themselves, which were personal and in some cases addressed immediately and in others will contribute to school development. It was very clear that playing with other children across the school was something many children missed. Children's responses to 'What makes a great Teacher?' revealed their importance of kindness and helpfulness.

In assemblies recently...

We have shared with the children what to do in an emergency at home and sun safety. You may like to ask your child to discuss this with you. Our Year 4 and 5's also had a visit from the local PCSO to discuss esafety and cyber-bullying.

The Singing Showcases

Your child's and other classes' singing showcase can be found on our <u>HVA</u> <u>YouTube channel</u>



The Art Exhibition

Thank you for supporting this event. Well done to all the children. A special mention to Emily for winning the Exceptional Art Award for her collage and to James for the Pupil's Choice Award with his drawing.



We all missed parents on Sports Day but it was still a success for the children.





Thank you to the PTA for providing a frozen treat afterwards to all the children.

Learning is ever onward

We all need a break but it's good to recognise that many opportunities could be taken up to support children over the holidays, with these few as examples:

- Telling the time and learning timetables.
- Talking and discussing ideas and opinions.
- Reading for pleasure and finding out new information. (Bug Club still available).
- Drawing and writing (postcards, letters).
- Playing safely with friends and family.
- Learning specific knowledge ready to share (locations from holiday or a new song learnt).

Thank you Usborne

Thank you to Ewa Bowman, parent, for coordinating a match funding book donation between businesses and Usborne. It led to £2000 of new library books!

Next year starts... Monday 6^{th} September There will be no staggered starts or ends to the day. Reception to Year 6: 8:45 am -3:15 pm Pre-school: 9:00 am -3 pm

Meet the teacher meetings in September

All meetings will be in person in school and recorded

Year 1 - Monday 6th 2:30pm

Year 2 – Tuesday 7th 2:30pm

Year 3 – Wednesday 8th 2:30pm

Year 4 – Thursday 9th 2:30pm

Year 5 - Tuesday 14th 2:30pm

Year 6 – Wednesday 15th 2:30pm

We wish you all the best for the summer! Many thanks - Mr Jones

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