

# School News



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Primary School

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SUMMER TERM 2020

Friday 10th July 2020

Dear Families,

I can't quite believe we have almost reached the end of Summer term. The last 4 months have been nothing short of extraordinary; the situation is nothing that could have been envisaged and the adaptations that you have had to make week in, week out in terms of day to day life must be commended. Whether your children have continued to come to school throughout the pandemic through our keyworker provision, whether they've re-joined us in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 classes since June 1st, or whether they still remain at home for their learning, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks for your support, patience and understanding during this whole situation. We now have the pleasing news that all pupils will return to school from Wednesday 2nd September and we are busy planning to ensure we open in the safest possible manner. We understand some pupils and parents may be feeling anxious about a return and the transition to a new year group - please see the letters included with your child's report and our online video which details transition arrangements. Please be reassured that our plans for ensuring the safety of your children are robust and follow Government guidelines. Should any Government guidelines change between now and September we will communicate any changes to our plan through text and the website. It will be mandatory for children to attend from September 2nd. Whilst we will not be setting any new learning over the 6 week break, pupils will continue to have access to Purple Mash, and previous daily/weekly online lessons will still be available on the website. I wish you all a happy and healthy Summer holiday and I cannot wait to welcome you all back in September.



Mrs Highman

Staggered drop off and collection times from September 2nd are as below. Families with siblings should bring children at the earliest time but should collect each child at their individual finish times.

	Arrive	Leave
Nursery	8.45am	11.45am
	12.15pm	3.15pm
	Nursery gate	Nursery gate
Reception	8.45am	3.15pm
	Nursery gate	Nursery gate
Year 1	8.40am	3.10pm
	Main gate	Classroom door
Year 2	8.45am	3.15pm
	Main gate	Classroom door
Year 3	8.50am	3.20pm
	Main gate	Classroom door
Year 4	8.45am	3.15pm
	Main gate	Classroom door
Year 5	8.50am	3.20pm
	Main gate	Classroom door
Year 6	8.40am	3.10pm
	Main gate	Classroom door

Government advice is clear that from September, it is safe for all pupils to return because:

- The prevalence of coronavirus has decreased, - The risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus is very low
- The Test and Trace system is up and running, - We have clear guidelines for keeping children safe in school.

Returning to school in September is vital for children's education and wellbeing. Attendance in September will be mandatory.

From September 2nd until a suitable time whereby the plan can be revised:

- Temporary changes will be made to drop off and collection times in order to minimise traffic at the gate. A one-way system around the school site will operate when dropping off and collecting pupils.
- As far as possible, children will remain in their class 'bubble' throughout the day.
- In order to ensure pupils do not mix in the dinner hall, all lunches offered from the school kitchen will be cold—for the majority of year groups these will be eaten within class.
- Outside times for break and lunch will be staggered to prevent classes from mixing.
- Assemblies will take place in individual classrooms, not the school hall.
- Desks in classrooms will be front facing in order to minimise face to face physical contact
- All pupils will have their own named stationary pack to prevent germs being passed across pencils, rulers etc. No stationary should be brought in from home.
- Additional hygiene measures, as introduced to those who returned on June 1st, will continue. These measures include:
  - regular handwashing
  - additional cleaning of classroom surfaces and frequently touched areas
  - ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
  - a clear protocol to follow should anyone display symptoms/be confirmed as a positive Coronavirus result.
  - social distancing encouraged wherever possible if age appropriate

## 2020—2021 Key Dates

### Autumn Term 2020

INSET Day - Tuesday 1st September - Pupils return to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2020

*Term Time: Wednesday 2nd September 2020 until Friday 18th December 2020*

*Half term holiday: Monday 26th October—Friday 30th October 2020*

### Spring Term 2021

*Term Time: Monday 4th January 2021 until Thursday 1st April 2021*

*Half term holiday: Monday 15th February—Friday 19th February 2021*

### Summer Term 2021

*Term time: Monday 19th April until Wednesday 21st July 2021*

*Half term holiday: Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June 2021*

#### **PSQM award received!**

We are delighted to have been awarded the prestigious PSQM (Primary Science Quality Mark) award for our work to enhance our science curriculum. A huge well done to Mrs Kilpatrick who has driven forward improvements in science, which have now been recognised by the award. We are very proud of the achievement which has encouraged a deeper enquiry-based approach to science across the school.

#### **Our Lockdown Unsung Hero!**

Congratulations to Nan May who was the winner of our lockdown unsung hero competition. Nan May is 83, has never had a day off work and yet was placed on furlough at the start of the pandemic and has had to separate from her family. We received more than 30 entries from pupils both learning at home and at school. All entries are currently displayed outside our main entrance.