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Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher's Newsletter

I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday. This newsletter will give you information and key dates you need to know about for the summer term.

COVID Guidance

As you will know, we are all following the "Living with COVID" guidance. In school, we have lots of measures in place to reduce the chance of transmission including enhanced cleaning and ventilation. You will be aware that COVID has not gone away so you can help us by following the [guidance which can be found here](#).

It is no longer recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID unless directed to by a health professional. If a child or young person has a positive COVID test result they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower and they can return to school.

As part of the government's COVID response, the guidance to schools changed in line with the rest of the country. Students with mild respiratory symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school. Students who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can, and are able to return to school when they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.

If you are not sure if your child should be at school please contact the office.

Children between the ages of 5-11 are now eligible for a COVID vaccination. For more information [about COVID vaccinations for 5-11 year olds please click here](#). To book a vaccination [please click here](#).

Attendance

Schools across the country have been asked to ensure children are attending school if they are well enough to do so following two years of disrupted learning. We have always taken attendance seriously and historically attendance has been very good. As you know each day of learning is crucial, especially given the disruption we have experienced due to COVID. Please help us by sending your child to school each day if they are well enough to be in school and don't book family holidays in term time as we are not able to authorise these.

If your child has low attendance, and this is not for authorised reasons that we are aware of, our Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Nicky Chaplin, will be in touch to see how we can support you in getting your child to school.

As well as ensuring your child attends school, we would like to remind you of the importance of your child arriving at school on time. The children line up in the playground to come into school for 8.45am. Please ensure your child is in the line ready to go in with the rest of their class. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

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Sun Safety

Hopefully we will have some good weather during the summer term. If the sun is particularly hot please send your child in with a sunhat; this will be especially important on P.E days. Staff cannot apply sun cream to children so it would be useful if long lasting sun cream was applied before the start of the school day.

Uniform

All children need to come into school in full school uniform unless it is their P.E day. This includes wearing school shoes rather than trainers or boots. If affordability is a reason why your child cannot wear a full school uniform please let us know as we may be able to help.

Catch-Up Funding

We have received funding to support children whose education has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This term we have 17 children having small group tuition in mathematics, 12 in multiplication and 28 in phonics. We are confident this will increase attainment for those children. For more information about how we use our catch-up funding please see the school website.

Reception Starters 2022

We are really excited that we have a large cohort for Reception in September 2022. If you know of anyone who has moved to the area or has forgotten to apply please ask them to contact us so we can let them know how to apply.

National Testing

All national testing has been restarted this academic. It is important that children attend school all of the time but even more important they are in school for their tests.

Test	Year Group	Date	Further Information
Key Stage Two National Curriculum Tests	Six	Week Beginning 9 th May	Link to DFE parent information. Please note this is a previous version as the 2022 version has not yet been published.
Key Stage One National Curriculum Tests.	Two	Week Beginning 16 th May	Link to DFE parent information. Please note this is a previous version as the 2022 version has not yet been published.
Multiplication Tables Check	Four	Week beginning 6 th June	Link to DFE parent information This is a short multiplication tables check completed on computers. You will be given your child's score in their end of year report.
Phonics Screen	One	Week beginning 6 th June	This is a short check administered by your child's teacher to see how well they have retained their phonics teaching. You will be given your child's score in their end of year report.

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Swimming

We have resumed swimming as per the letter received by Wisepay before the Easter holiday. Can I please urge all parents to make the swimming contributions if they are able to do so. Schools are not immune to the energy price rises and you will appreciate it costs a lot to run the pool. [Swimming contributions can be made via wisepay here.](#)

Jubilee Celebrations

We are really pleased to be involved with the events being planned in town to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. In addition to this we are inviting parents to join their children for a celebration event on the following days and times. We hope you will be able to join us. Further information will follow about these events nearer the time.

Years 5 & 6	Tuesday 24th May 2022	2.00-3.00	Use Mill Road Entrance
Years 3 & 4	Wednesday 25th May 2022	2.00-3.00	Use Mill Road Entrance
Years 1 & 2	Thursday 26th May 2022	2.00-3.00	Use Mill Road Entrance
Reception	Friday 27th May 2022	2.00-3.00	Use Children's Centre Entrance

Hot Meal Orders

Please remember to place your hot meal orders before midnight on the preceding Monday. This gives our kitchen team the notice they need to place their food order. Thanks for your help with this.

Key Dates

Important dates for your diary can be found on the next page.

I look forward to a brilliant summer term. As ever, if you have any questions or need any support please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Smith

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Dates for Your Diary

20 th April	Start of Term 5
28 th April	Induction for Reception September 2022 intake begins
2 nd May	Bank Holiday
w/b 9 th May	Year Six National Curriculum Test Week (SATS)
w/b 16 th May	Year Two National Curriculum Test Week
w/b 16 th May	Sherwood Forest Residential Visit (Years 3&4)
24 th May	Year 5&6 Jubilee Celebration
25 th May	Year 3&4 Jubilee Celebration
26 th May	Year 1&2 Jubilee Celebration
27 th May	Reception Jubilee Celebration
27 th May	End of Term 5
6 th June	Start of Term 6
w/b 6 th June	Phonics (Y1) and Multiplication (Y4) Tests
8 th June	Sports Day
13 th June	Class Photographs
4 th July	Key Stage Two Show (2.00 and 6.00)4
20 th July	Year Six Leavers Church Service 9.30
21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Trip
22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Service (School) 9.30

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