

# Summer Term 2 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are in the throes of the final half-term of the school year – a most eventful one – and so I want to write to inform you of some notable dates for the remaining weeks of the term and changes to our staffing for September.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Assessment Week.

(To support our teacher assessments, children will be undertaking tests in Years 1-6 in reading, grammar, spelling, maths and times tables. Considerations will be given to the time when children were working remotely due to either the partial school closure or bursting of bubbles and missed subsequent classroom learning. Your child's learning attainment and progress will be reported to you via our end of year reports.)

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Parent / Carer Consultations.

(Consultations will take place to face to face this term as preferred by your child's classteacher. A further letter will follow next week detailing the arrangements for booking appointments. Reception to Year 3 appointments will be in the classrooms accessed by their external doors and Years 4-5 will be within the school hall. Times will be strictly adhered to and you will be asked to wait outside until called by your child's classteacher. I hope you will appreciate this opportunity to meet under these guidelines to learn of your child's hard work and achievements this year – despite the pandemic and associated challenges.)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Meeting of our new Reception children and families. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, all children in Years Reception to Year 5 will spend the morning with their new September classteachers to support their meeting and getting to know the new year group staff.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Sport Activity Morning – in contrast to all other years, children will participate in a number of sporting races within their year group bubble with no spectators other than teachers and pupils. Winning points will be collected for awarding the Sport Trophy to the winning house.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Parent Consultations. Invitations will follow to meet with your child's classteacher to learn of their attainment and progress and readiness for transition to secondary school. Information will follow shortly.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers' performance and BBQ.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term and commencement of the summer holidays. The new autumn term will commence on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We await news from the Department for Education regarding the new school year and whether any restrictions will apply.



## Staffing News

It is with mixed feelings that I write to share with you Miss Challenor's leaving of Oak Meadow, a celebratory move for Miss Challenor but a loss for us. Miss Challenor will be undertaking a new post as Headteacher at Dovecotes Primary School; we wish her every best wish and success in her move and thank her for all her hard work during her 4 ½ years with us.

Mrs Holyhead is also leaving us for retirement and it is with grateful thanks and appreciation for the support she has given to our school as a teaching assistant. We will miss the quiet professionalism, support and guidance she brings to her role but wish her a well-deserved retirement with time for her to enjoy her family and leisure activities.

Finally, Miss Parry leaves us to undertake a further teaching post at Fibbersley Primary School; we also thank her for her teaching during these two challenging COVID-related years.

Whilst wishing our Staff leavers well, we also look forward to welcoming Miss Blunt to our teaching team and Mr Hartland. The staffing within year groups will be as follows:

### *2021 – 2022 Staffing Profile*

Teaching Staff	Support Staff
<b>Reception</b>	Miss Thwaites
	Mrs Bristow
<b>Year 1</b>	Miss Billingsley
	Miss Blunt
	Mrs Welsh
<b>Year 2</b>	Miss Tolley
	Miss Hague
	Miss Tomlinson
<b>Year 3</b>	Mr Clarkson
	Mrs Brain
<b>Year 4</b>	Miss Bates
	Miss Findlay
<b>Year 5</b>	Mrs Holmes
	Mr Hartland
	Mrs Chapman
<b>Year 6</b>	Mrs Worrallo
	Miss Johnston
	Mr Lane

Confirmation of your child's actual classteacher will follow. This year there may be some changes to our classes with some year groups mixed to boost and accelerate children's learning, to encourage a conducive working and learning with their peers and staff members. We are still very mindful of the gaps in learning caused by the partial school closures and the importance of targeting teaching and learning to close the gaps.

Finally, I welcome Mr Lane as Acting Deputy Headteacher; I look forward to continuing working with him in this senior leadership capacity.

With five weeks left of this term, I wish children continuing hard work; they are truly super as we have seen from their conscientious learning, enthusiasm and resilience – we are very proud of them.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Arnold