

Head's Report - What's new in school ?



Friday 25th June 2021

It has been another busy week in school and the time is whizzing by, with only a few weeks left before the end of term. Transition started in Red and Orange class this week, with some taster sessions for our new intake and a roll up of our current Reception Class. These were really positive for all involved.

Ride on it:

Our Years 4 & 5 have been taking part in a pilot scheme for the Road Safety Team, attempting to train the children using virtual technology. The two facilitators (Mike & Roz) were really impressed by our children, their attitude, answers and level of maturity shown. Hopefully this will enable the Road safety team to roll out the programme to other schools in the Autumn. Well done children!

Covid update:

We have begun to relax internal rules slightly and are now allowing children to mix a little more and share equipment, however, we still need to remember that we are in the middle of a pandemic.

Curriculum Focus: Art & Design Technology

Miss Hunton is our curriculum Lead for Art & Design Technology. She recently held a staff meeting to share with staff findings of her work analysis and development ideas for this forthcoming academic year.

During the last few years we have recorded work in large A3 art books. We have decided that these are a little cumbersome, so as from September we will be using A4 sketch books.

Miss Hunton discovered during her audit that we tend to currently do more Art than DT, so we hope to address this balance during the next academic year, with DT being either done in a block or every other week.

Art and DT is not just about the finished product, but more about acquiring new skills and becoming more proficient with these. Children will also become more aware of other artists work (contemporary and historic) and encouraged to appreciate these.

Starship:

You may have noticed a small structure going up outside of the main entrance. This is going to be our Starship Superstore.

Our next big event is Sports Day where we will have stalls to entertain you.

Payments owed:

As we are approaching the end of the Summer term, could you please ensure that you are up to date with any payments outstanding.

Sports Day - planning & reminders:

Hopefully Sports Day will go ahead as planned, depending on the weather. All class teachers will be adding information to Seesaw to help you organise for this. We would like all adults to wear masks when moving around the site at all times, but when stationary (in your groups) we are happy for you to take your masks off. If by chance it does get cancelled then the children will be in school a full day.

Dates for 2020/21:

NEW DATES:

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th June - Bikeability Yr6

Thursday 10th & Friday 11th June - Bikeability Yr6

Healthy Eating and Physical Fitness week - w/c 14th June

Sports day - Friday 9th July (children will be allowed home at 1:45pm)

Reports out to parents - 12th July

Yr 6 Performances of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' - 13th & 14th July

Mattishall's Got Talent Final - Friday 16th July

Internal Transition - 19th & 20th July

Unfortunately, due to continued Covid restrictions, these events will no longer be taking place.

Wednesday 30th June - Yr1/2 Cricket

Thursday 1st July - Yr5/6 Cricket

Tuesday 6th July - Yr 3/4 Golf

Wednesday 7th July - Yr5/6 Golf

Wednesday 14th July - Yr1/2 Multi-Skills

Thursday 15th July - Yr3/4/5/6 Multi-Skills

Bank Holidays:

30th August

Dates for 2021/2022

Children in Years 1-6 return to school - 6th September

Term dates: (2021-2022)

Monday 6th September - Friday 22nd October

Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December

Wednesday 5th January - Friday 11th February

Monday 21st February - Friday 1st April

Tuesday 19th April - Friday 27th May

Monday 6th June - Friday 22nd July

Bank Holidays:

27th & 28th December 2021, 3rd January 2022, 15th & 18th April 2022, 2nd May 2022, 2nd & 3rd June 2022, 29th August 2022

Staff Training Days:

2nd & 3rd September 2021, 4th January 2022, 30th June 2022

Pride in Schools Week will be from **Monday 5th to Friday 9th July**. The theme will be **respect**. The purpose of the week is for schools to send a clear message that homophobia, biphobia and transphobia of any kind will not be tolerated.

Stay safe !

Regards, Mr Chapman