

E-Bulletin



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Dear Parents/Carers Thank you for sharing all your fantastic work in Creative week. We were so impressed with the children's achievements. We hope you have enjoyed the teachers' video assemblies sharing some of the work. Please take the time to read this newsletter for information about the last few weeks of term, and beyond.

Wider re-opening

We are really excited to see so many of our children back in school today. We are very mindful that the pandemic is far from over, but it is wonderful to see— with great caution and care— so many children here.

Your child will do the first two maths and English lessons in their learning pack when they are at school— and the rest of the learning pack is follow up work. Therefore if your child is in school on Thursday and Fridays please do not start their learning pack on Monday and Tuesday before they come to school. Instead please practice times tables and reading. After their two days in school children will take their home learning packs home to complete. These will have stayed on their desk and only been touched by your child.

Class Dojos

Please make sure that you register for Class Dojo if you have not already done so. (see letter from Miss Hurn attached) These are a fantastic way for us to recognise and celebrate children's hard work and fantastic learning.

Virtual Sports Day

After the success of the last two sports days lots of us were very disappointed not to have sports day this year. Miss Holland has come to our rescue with a virtual sports event which will take place next week. Children will take part in some activities at school and some at home. House points will be awarded and the winning house will receive the Sports day Cup. **Look out for further details this week.**

Learning at home

Children have been doing a fantastic job of learning at home and we want to say a great big thank you to you for your support. Those of us who are also parents completely understand the pressures of juggling work with trying to support home learning. We will all be glad when the summer holiday comes. It would be fantastic, if you are able to, to keep going with Numbots, Oxford owl E-books and Times Tables Rockstars from time to time over the summer so that children don't lose these important skills.

Next Year's Classes

Your children will receive a letter next Monday from their new class teacher. Next year, we will be organising most of our classes in mixed, rather than single year groups. We have thought hard about this and decided on this approach for a number of reasons, which include:

- We will be able to offer learning in mainly smaller classes of similar size which will help with social distancing.
- Smaller classes will allow children the opportunity to get more teacher attention to support learning.
- We will be able to ensure that learning which has been missed from the previous year is consolidated as well as teaching children the curriculum of their current year.

Classes will be named after composers next year. The names of the classes will be: Year R/1– Saint Saens; Year 2/3– Mozart ; Year 3/4—Bob Marley; Year 4/5—Nina Simone; Year 5/6—John Williams

Summer holiday Sports sessions

I am pleased to tell you that we have arranged a programme of summer sports sessions for children.

These will take place in our school playground and will be led by Rob from Up and Under Sports Coaching, who has worked with most of our pupils already. Mr Cutler and Mrs. Adams will be on the school site for all of the sessions.

The sessions have been fully risk-assessed and children will take parts in groups of no more than 12 children. All sports will be socially distanced and non– contact and will take place outside, where the risk of transmission of COVID 19 is reduced.

We hope that you will take up this opportunity to get children active and having fun with their friends during the holidays. Further information and bookings will be available in a separate letter shortly.

Goodbyes and Hellos

This year we will be saying goodbye to two very special teachers as they move on to pastures new. Mrs Murphy is moving back 'up North' with her family and Mr Arthur is leaving to work in education for the Charity Guide Dogs . I am sure that you will join me in thanking them for their incredible contribution to our school and in wishing them the very best of luck. We will be joined by two new members of staff. Miss Lewis will be the class teacher for our reception and year 1 class, and Mrs Gardyj will join us as a higher level teaching assistant.

Coming soon

DATE	DETAILS
13th July	Virtual Sports week Letters out to children from their class teacher next year.
14th and 16th July	Year 6 leavers celebrations (details coming soon!)
15th July	New reception Children teddy Bear's Picnic with Mrs. Lewis and Mrs Gardyj.
17th July	End of year reports out to parents.
20th and 21st July	Move up morning activities with children's new teachers.
21st July	Last day of term
23rd /24th July	First Summer Holiday Sports Club sessions