



Summer Term Newsletter 2022



Key Dates this term

Friday 29 th April	Year 6 exam pressure drama workshop
Friday 29 th April	Year 5 Mindful Humans drama workshop
Monday 9 th May	Year 6 test week
Tuesday 10 th May	Year 3 and 4 Youth Zone Visit
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 6 Road Safety Lesson
Monday 23 rd May	Jubilee Celebrations Week
Tuesday 24 th May	Reception/KS 1 trip to Three Sisters
Monday 20 th June	Year 6 residential at the Anderton Centre
Friday 24 th June	School closed for staff training
Friday 1 st July	Year 6 Dream Big drama workshop
Friday 1 st July	R, KS 1 and Y3/4 trip to Blackpool Zoo
Monday 11 th July	Sports and Celebration Week
Wednesday 13 th July	Circus Day!
Thursday 21 st July	School closes for summer at 1.15pm

We will have further information about Year 6 Leavers' events and a trip for Years 5 and 6 in the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to an exciting summer term. As you can see from the dates above we have lots planned! You will also receive our class newsletters to keep you up to date with what is happening across the curriculum. All statutory assessments are back in place so the Year 1 children will undertake the Phonics Check in June, the Year 4 children will take the Multiplication Tables Check in June, Year 2 will undertake end of key stage tests across May and Year 6 will take their tests week beginning Monday 9th May. Results will be sent out as part of the annual report.

Covid

There is no need to use Lateral Flow Tests at all now unless requested by your GP or the hospital. If you do still have some at home and your child tests positive they should stay off school for 3 days as per the government guidance. If they have a high temperature they should stay off until it comes down. If they have a cough you should use your own judgement as to whether they are well enough to come to school.

Attendance

The government has a national focus on improving attendance. Mrs Coppell continues to monitor attendance closely and works alongside the Local Authority's Attendance Team. Information about this can be found on the website. It is important that children don't take more time off school than they need. During the main part of the pandemic it became quite natural to take a week off school when a child had any symptoms as we were not sure if it was covid or not. From now on we need to return to a sensible approach of taking only the time off we need when we are really unwell. Please speak to Mrs Coppell if you have any concerns or issues you would like to discuss.

School Places Consultation

The final consultation has closed and we now wait for the Cabinet Meeting on the 17th June for the decision on whether the school will close. We were informed of the Local Authority's recommendation a week or so before the last Cabinet Meeting so I am expecting something similar this time.

Our current number on roll is 97. The Local Authority have told us that if the decision is made that the school will close they will review the number of children on roll and staff remaining in

September and then confirm an official closure date. They did admit that this may be earlier than the suggested August 2023 but they would not give more clarity than that.

The Local Authority are aware that some year groups are nearly full across the area and have promised to create space if it should be needed. However, they won't look at doing this until the final decision is made. If you have applied for your child to move but have been told there is no room please don't worry. We are still hopeful that the decision will go in our favour, but we have been assured that all children will be given a space somewhere suitable if it is required.

Whilst we remain hopeful that the school will stay open we want to ensure the wellbeing of the children above all else. If you are considering moving your child to another school, please let us know so that we can provide a healthy and effective transition. We hope that the number of children on roll will remain stable this term as we have a great term to look forward to.

If you have any questions or concerns please do contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Coppell or myself. The Local Authority do not want us to have open parent meetings and would prefer to answer individual queries and questions. The information above is what we found out from our last staff meeting with Cath Pealing, Emlyn Wright, Darren Stanley and Vicky Bamber from the LA.

I want to thank you all for your support throughout this year and reassure you that in school it is definitely business as usual. We continue to deliver the full curriculum and provide the same high standards of teaching and support that we did prior to this dreadful news. It is a privilege to teach your children and it is a role we take extremely seriously.

Mrs G Talbot