

Newsletter



Newsletter 1

3rd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! The children (and staff!) have made a fantastic start to the new school year. We have started to move towards a more 'usual' day for the children, and held our first assembly together, for over 18 months on the first day back. It was amazing – seeing all of the children together again, and hearing their singing was very moving. They are simply wonderful! We will gradually re-introduce activities and events, keeping everything under review, as we do.

It has also been lovely to meet our new Reception children, and we are all looking forward to getting to know the children in Nursery when they arrive next week.



Key Staff

We are delighted that Mrs Jen Martin has joined our team as our new Office Manager. I know you will enjoy getting to know her over the coming weeks. She will be working in the office every morning and Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Mrs Bundy will be in the office every day.

The children's teachers and I are always pleased to speak to you regarding any issues or concerns which we can help you with. In addition, I thought it would be helpful to list people with key responsibilities, so you are aware of the people who may be able to help you with specific queries. All of these people can be contacted via the School Office:

Role	Member of Staff
Office Manager	Mrs Jen Martin
Office Admin	Mrs Sheila Bundy
School Cook	Mrs Elaine Martin
Caretaker	Mr Andy Blackwell
Head	Mrs Liz Pollard
Deputy Head	Mr Kevin Browne
Senior teacher	Miss Kate Grainger
Special Needs Coordinator	Mrs Emma Gloyne
326 After School Club Coordinator	Mrs Sue Mansell
Chair of Governors	Mrs Debbie Williamson



Car Park

As we are just using the two pedestrian gates again in the morning, we will be closing the car park and locking the gate to the field. I appreciate that this means that parents collecting from the mobiles may have a longer route to walk as they will have to walk round the building. However, your safety is important to us, and the increased numbers of people, and cars arriving and leaving at the same time, makes it unsafe to cross the car park. If anyone has mobility issues reaching the mobiles, please do not hesitate to speak to the school office and we will make appropriate arrangements with you.



326 After School Club

Now that our Year 6 children have left, we have some spaces available at 326 After School Club. The club runs from 3.15 until 6.00 p.m. Children receive a snack and drink on arrival, and all children booked in until 6 are provided with a light tea. Mrs Mansell will be happy to discuss any details and arrangements with you. Fees are as follows

Session 1: 3.15 – 4.15	Session 2: 3.15 – 5.15	Session 3: 3.15 – 6.00
£4.00	£7.00	£10.50

If you need to contact 326 between 3.15p.m. and 6.00 p.m. please call their direct number: **07805146195**.



Clubs

Day	Time	Club	Year groups
Monday & Wednesday	8.30 – 8.55	Cross country running	3, 4, 5 & 6
Monday	3.15 - 4.15	Netball	5 & 6
Thursday	3.15 – 4.15	Football	3, 4, 5 & 6

Cross Country running begins on Monday, with netball and football beginning the week after.



Allergies, Asthma, Medical Conditions and Epi-pens

If your child has a medical condition, of which staff need to be aware of, please can you complete and return the form at the foot of this letter as soon as possible. All necessary arrangements are put into place and children’s names and photos are displayed in each room, so that staff can ensure they have the information close at hand to respond to their needs immediately. Under GDPR laws, we need your expressed permission to be able to share this information. Thank you in advance for your help.



Last term...

We were delighted with the way the children ended the term. They were fantastic at Sports Day - we had a record number of children entering races, and everyone tried their best, and took part with an excellent attitude. Thank you for coming along to support the children, thank you to the staff for working hard to run the event and a huge thank you to Mel for organising everything so well! The final results were extremely close, and came down to the last race. In reverse order: Mimram: 4th, Bury: 3rd, Lodge: 2nd and St. Giles: 1st!

The John Clements House cup was also a tight contest, although St. Giles led throughout, the other houses changed position throughout the year. Again, in reverse order: Mimram: 4th, Lodge: 3rd, Bury 2nd and St. Giles 1st! The challenge is now on for this year!



For those who didn't get to see Jo presented with her extremely generous (and well deserved!) gift from our families, there is a picture of the card, voucher and flowers below. Jo was very moved by your kindness and appreciation.



Events

We have planned a number of events for the term. At present, we expect to be able to hold them 'live' but have contingency plans if we are not able to do so nearer the time. I have included details below, along with term dates.

Thank you for reading this newsletter. Please remember I am always happy to discuss any issues with you.

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER

Dates & Events Autumn 2021

Date	Time	Event	People involved
16.9.21	7.00 p.m.	Governors' Meeting	Governors
18.9.21	p.m.	Village Day – no parade	Everyone
24.9.21	9.00 – meet at St. Giles	Harvest Festival collections in aid of Codicote Food bank	Children & Staff
20.10.21	5 – 7 p.m.	Parent Consultations online Late	Staff & Parents
21.10.21	3.30 – 5 p.m.	Parent Consultations online Early	Staff & Parents
22.10.21	All day	INSET day school closed to children	Staff
25.10.21		Half Term	

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25.11.21	7.00 p.m.	PTFA Christmas Shopping Evening - TBC	PTFA
26.11.21	All Day	Occasional Day – school closed	Everyone!
8.12.21	p.m.	Reception Dress rehearsal	Children & Staff
8.12.21	p.m.	Year 1 Dress rehearsal	Children & Staff
8.12.21	a.m.	KS 2 Dress Rehearsal	Children & Staff
9.12.21	10.30	Reception Play	Children, Staff & Parents
9.12.21	2.15	Year 1 Play	Children, Staff & Parents
9.12.21	7.00 p.m.	KS 2 Plays	Children, Staff & Parents
10.12.21	a.m.	Panto!	Children & Staff
10.12.21	7.00 p.m.	KS 2 Plays	Children, Staff & Parents
14.12.21	10.00	Nursery Play	Children, Staff & Parents
15.12.21	a.m.	Year 2 & 6 Service with School	Children & Staff
15.12.21	6.30 p.m.	Year 2 & 6 Service with Parents	All Year 6 & 2 Children, Staff & Parents
15.12.21	12.15	Christmas Lunch	Children, Staff & volunteer Parents
16.12.21	p.m.	Years R, 1 & 2 Party	Children & Staff
17.12.21	p.m.	Years 3 & 4 Party	Children & Staff
20.12.21	p.m.	Year 5 & 6 Party	Children & Staff
21.12.21	a.m.	Nursery Party	Children & Staff
21.12.21	1.15	Term ends	Children, Staff & Parents

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Allergies, Asthma, Medical Conditions and Epi-pens

Child's Name:

My child has:

- An epi-pen
- Inhaler
- Asthma
- Medical condition
- Allergy

(please tick and provide details as appropriate)

I give permission for their photograph and allergy details to be included in a poster displayed in relevant locations around the school – e.g. classrooms and dining room

Signed:

Date:

Please return this form to the school office

<u>2021 - 2022</u>	<u>2022 - 2023</u>
<u>AUTUMN TERM 2021</u>	<u>AUTUMN TERM 2022</u>
Wednesday 1 st September 2021 – Tuesday 21 st December 2021 (Half term – Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October)	Thursday 1 st September 2022 – Wednesday 21 st December 2022 (Half term – Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October)
Inset Days: Wednesday 1st September Friday 22nd October	Inset Days: Thursday 1st September Friday 2nd September
Occasional Day: Friday 26th November	Occasional Day: Friday 25th November
<u>SPRING TERM 2022</u>	<u>SPRING TERM 2023</u>
Wednesday 5 th January 2022 – Friday 1 st April 2022 (Half term Monday 14 th February – Friday 18 th February)	Thursday 5 th January 2023 – Friday 31 st March 2023 (Half term Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February)
Inset Day: Wednesday 5th January	Inset Days: Thursday 5th January Friday 6th January
<u>SUMMER TERM 2022</u>	<u>SUMMER TERM 2023</u>
Tuesday 19 th April 2022 – Friday 22 nd July 2022 (Half term Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June) May Bank Holiday 2 nd May	Monday 17 th April 2023 – Friday 21 st July 2023 (Half term Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June) May Bank Holiday 1 st May
Inset Days: Friday 10th June Friday 22nd July	Inset Day: Friday 9th June
The above dates equate to 190 school days	The above dates equate to 190 school days

*An additional bank holiday has been given for 2022, for the Queen's platinum Anniversary, which means an additional day's holiday from school will be granted. When this has been agreed, we will let you know when it will take place.