

Newsletter



Newsletter 20

7th July, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems impossible that we are only two weeks away from the end of term - the year has flown by! We have lots of things happening in the run up to the end of term. We look forward to seeing you at these events! I have included a timetable for reference; also the term dates for next year are at the foot of the newsletter.



Village Day

Thank you for letting us know if your child will be taking part in the Village Day parade and dancing groups. The children in the parade will be provided with an M & M circle to wear. They can wear either a plain t-shirt or a coloured plain t-shirt underneath so that the circle shows up. If they need to borrow one from school, please let us know. We will meet at the Opening from 12.30 – ready to leave at 12.45 p.m.

The Country and Maypole dancers will be given their costumes on Wednesday to take home – they will need to bring these with them/wear them on Saturday. Sword dancers can wear jeans or shorts and a plain white t-shirt – we can provide t shirts from school. The children will be dancing at 4.00 p.m. so we will assemble by the maypole in the main arena at 3.45 to organize the dancing pairs. We look forward to seeing you there!

The PTFA will be running the jars stall as usual. Please could children bring in a jar filled with items – e.g. sweets, marbles, pencils, craft items, small toys etc on Friday 14th July?



Tolmers

We had a fantastic time with Year 5 at Tolmers last week. The children (and staff) were a pleasure to be with. We took part in a number of activities: Initiative exercises, Dash and Grab, Shelter Building, Water Wars, Wall Climbing, Pedal Car Racing, Camp fire singing, Marshmallow Toasting, S'mores making and Archery. We even managed to fit in a few hours sleep!

The Camp Manager praised the children, saying they were the best children at listening and the most polite they had had all season. We are very proud of them. Thank you very much to Mrs Gloyn, Mrs Mason, Mrs Tilson, Mrs Crunden and Miss Whitbread for making the trip such a success, and for giving up their time to come with us. Thank you too, to parents for sending them so well equipped.



Open evening

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our Open Evening on Tuesday 11th July, from 4.40 to 6.00 p.m.. Due to delays with having the new building signed off by Building Control, we are not yet certain if we are able to open it to everyone on the evening, although we are currently planning to. However, all of the teachers will be available for you to meet – current and future - and the children's work will be in their current classrooms as well as displayed around school.



Sports Day – Thursday 20th July

This year, due to the constraints of not having the school field, there are some alterations to Sports Day this year. The timetable is as follows:

9.15 a.m.: Nursery & Reception children - Foundation Stage area

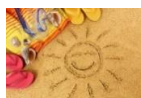
10.15 a.m.: Year 1 & 2 – School Playground

1.15 p.m.: Years 3-6 – Recreation ground – flat races

1.45p.m.: Years 3-6 – School playground.

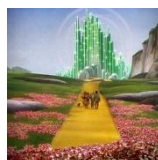
After the flat races, the children will return to school to compete in further activities. Families are invited to follow us back to school after all of the children have left the Recreation ground. There will be a short break whilst the children use the toilets and re-fill their water bottles.

Children can wear a t-shirt or sticker in their house colours if they wish. All parents, grandparents and younger siblings are welcome to join us – we suggest bringing camping chairs or rugs to sit on. We look forward to seeing you!



Countdown to the Summer Holidays End of term events

| Monday 10 th | Tuesday 11 th | Wednesday 12 th | Thursday 13 th | Friday 14 ^h | Saturday 15 th |
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| 9.05 a.m. Piano Assembly Parents and grandparents welcome Year 4 visit to Stanborough Lakes | 10 a.m. -3.20p.m. Rowing in Hall 4.30 – 6.00 p.m. Open evening | 9.15 p.m. Music Club Dress Rehearsal | 9.05a.m. Year 3 Assembly Parents and grandparents welcome <i>Year 6 visiting New Schools</i> Moving up morning for other Year groups | From 11.30 a.m. Ice Cream van visiting. 7 p.m. Music Club Evening Performance | Village Day 12.30 - Parade assembles in 'The Opening' 3.45 p.m. Maypole, country and sword dancers to meet Mrs Pollard by maypole |
| Monday 17 th | Tuesday 18 th | Wednesday 19 th | Thursday 20 th | Friday 21 st | |
| | 10.45 – 12.15: Maypole, Country and Sword Dancers to Poynders Meadow. | | Sports Day 9.15 am Nursery & Reception 10.15 a.m. Years 1 & 2 1.15 Years 3-6 | 10.00am Leavers' Service at St Giles – Year 6 families welcome 1.15pm Farewell to Year 6 on bottom playground 1.45pm - Term ends | |



Music Club

The Music Club proudly present The Wizard of Oz! This takes place on Friday 14th July at 7.00p.m. Tickets are available from the school office. There is no cost – tickets are issued so that we are aware of the numbers of people who will be attending. A huge thank you to the Music Club and Props Club teams for all of the work they have put into this production and to the staff: Mrs Ogle, Mrs Foster, Mr Pyle, Miss Grainger and Mrs Pyle.



Dancing at Poynder's Meadow

I will be taking the Maypole, Country and Sword dancing teams to perform at Poynders Meadow on Tuesday 18th July. We will be walking there and back, returning in time for lunch, and do not need permission slips returned for your child to be able to go.



Ice Cream Van Visit

As Year 2 children will be making Ice Cream vans as part of their Seaside project on Friday 14th July, we have a real ice cream van visiting on the day. Ice creams will be available at a cost of £1.50. Children can bring in cash or parents can pay on the school gateway. If finance is an issue, but you would like your child to have an ice cream, please let us know – this will be treated completely confidentially.

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

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER

Term Dates 2023 - 2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Friday 1st September 2023 – Wednesday 20th December 2023

(Half term – Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October)

Inset Days: Friday 1st September Monday 4th September

Occasional Day: Friday 24th November

SPRING TERM 2024

Thursday 4th January 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024

(Half term Monday 19th February – Friday

23rd February)

Inset Days: Thursday 4th January Friday 5th January

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15th April 2024 – Tuesday 23rd July 2024

(Half term Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May)

May Bank Holiday 6th May

Inset Day: Friday 7th June

The above dates equate to 190 school days