

Dear Parents and carers,

Summer Term Newsletter 3 - Friday 3rd July 2020

It has been an absolute pleasure having many of the Year 5 children with us each day this past week. The school is starting to feel more normal and we are all looking forward to seeing the rest of the children during the transition week.

FSM vouchers

We are delighted that the Government has agreed to continue issuing funds to schools for FSM vouchers in the six-week summer holidays. This will enable us to continue sending Tesco vouchers home to those families who are entitled to them. During the Summer holiday we will be issuing the vouchers in two batches. If you would benefit from these vouchers, please apply through the hyperlink below which can also be found on the coronavirus section of the school website. If you would like to be including in the batch for the Summer Holiday, **please apply through the county website by Wednesday 8th July as this will give enough time for your request to be processed by Somerset County Council and for us to be informed.**

During the Summer Holidays there will be limited staff working to purchase vouchers and we will not be able to order and provide vouchers unless we know that you're entitled prior to Friday 17th July.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/>

End of term

We believe that it is not only sensible but necessary and fair to offer an opportunity for all children to return on one day prior to September for a transition day. The only way that we can do this is to stop the current provision that we provide for Foundation Stage, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 children on **Monday 13th July.**

Keyworker/vulnerable children who had attended school throughout lockdown or asked to return to school prior to Friday 26th June will be included in our keyworker bubbles and can attend school until **12:30pm on Friday 17th July.** We will remind the parents of keyworker children on our records the times to attend in a separate letter next week.

Chard Safari

Hopefully you have seen many suspicious and amazing looking animals dotted around Chard this past week. We have enjoyed seeing your homemade creations on social media so please do keep making and posting them with the hashtag #ChardSafari.



Return to school in September

The Government made a clear announcement yesterday about the return to school in September. It is now obvious (and we are delighted) that all children will be expected to return to school in September, albeit our school, along with all other in England, will be required to have plans in place for a quick future lockdown if instructed to by the Government or public health.

We will take the next few weeks to process this information and plan for a safe return for all children and staff. It is our intention to make a video update about our return plans and share it with all parents via our website, Twitter or official school Facebook page by Friday 24th July.



Virtual Sports Day – Message from Mrs Prevett

I am very excited to announce Manor Court's 'Virtual Sports Day'. Our traditional Sports day cannot take place this year and with our pupils split between school and home this is a way for all the children to take part and still compete for their house. All children will have a chance to take part in 5 events and help their house to win the cup. The day can take place at any point over the week 6th - 12th July. The winning house will be announced in the last week of term.

There are five exciting events which the whole school will be participating in, full details of how to complete the events can be found on the letter recently sent home, a copy of which is on the website.

- Event 1 – 30 second sprint
- Event 2 – 3-minute long distance run
- Event 3 – Hop, skip and jump
- Event 4 – 30 second speed bounce
- Event 5 – Target throw



Documentary filming

Due to our support of Chard's Covid-19 group and the creative work that we've offered in the pandemic, we've been selected as a filming location for a documentary about life in Chard during lockdown. Filming will be outside the school between 08:45 – 09:15 on Monday. Please inform the camera crew if you do not want your child to be filmed.

Windows!

We received some excellent news this week and were informed that we have been awarded a building grant from the Government to replace most of the windows in the school. Throughout the Autumn Term our current windows will be removed and new windows put in their place ensuring a warmer and more efficient school building.

EYC News from Laura

We are enjoying being back in our bubble for the last few weeks of term and have been creating, constructing, gardening, and practising our 'school ready' activities. Our last day is Thursday 16th July until we return in September.

Please tell your friends that we have spaces available for September 2-4 year olds with 15/30 hours funding accepted and would love to welcome more children into our community. Yesterday we launched a Facebook page for the Early Years Centre. Please like, follow, share and leave a review on our page.



Transition days

Please see the table on the last page for the arrangements for the transition day for your child. We appreciate that some children may have grown out of their school uniform during lockdown and for this reason your child can wear their uniform or PE kit for the two-hour session.



Year 5 residential refunds – message from Mrs Hunt the School Business Manager

I wanted to reassure you that we have been working hard behind the scenes to secure the refund of all money paid for this year's Year 5 residential. I was required to wait until the date of the residential, to see if the Ultimate Adventure Centre remained closed, so that they had to cancel the booking rather than us. All money paid through ParentPay will be refunded back to you by the end of this school year.

Remote learning for between Monday 6th to Friday 17th July

Our remote learning work packs will be provided for up until Friday 17th July. The final work packs will be hand delivered to those families that have requested them between Thursday 2nd July and Sunday 5th July. They will also be uploaded to the school website at some point this weekend for printing at home.



Year 6 Art project for Springmead Doctors Surgery

The year 6 children have worked hard with Mrs Morton and the year 6 adults over the past two weeks to complete an art project. The children have painted slabs, pebbles, wooden blocks and bug hotels for an installation at Springmead Doctors Surgery car park from Tuesday 7th July. This is a permanent display and will be officially 'opened' later in the year when people can gather together again, but you are welcome to pop along to the car park to see it all before then.

School reports

Your child's school report will be posted to your home address in an envelope marked private and confidential on Wednesday 8th July. Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to hold a 'drop-in sessions' to discuss the content of your child's school report with the class teacher. If you would like to have a telephone conversation with the class teacher about the content of the report, please email the year group email address, school office or leave a voicemail on the school telephone number by midday on Tuesday 15th July.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everybody. In terms of keeping children safe, please “Don’t think “What if I’m wrong” Think... “What if I am right” If you have any concerns about a pupil you should report this to a member of staff immediately. If you feel a pupil is at risk or a subject of abuse you must contact the Designated Safeguarding Team immediately. Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Clode and Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead: Miss Gregory and Mr Talmage. The school Safeguarding & Child Protection Governor is Mrs Jo Boyland.

Term Dates 2020-2021

The term dates for the 2020-2021 academic year have been published can be found on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support,



Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher



Mr A Clode
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion leader

Transition day schedule

	Group A 9:30 – 11:30 (This is only for children's who's surname starts with the letter A – M)	Group B 12:30 – 14:30 (This is only for children's who's surname starts with the letter N– Z)	Group C
Tuesday 14 th July	<p>Current Foundation Stage children & next years' Year 1</p> <p>Dragonflies class 2020-2021 please enter the school through the main gate only.</p> <p>Bumblebees class 2020-2021 please enter the school through the small pedestrian gate adjacent to the Y1 block only.</p>	<p>Current Foundation Stage children & next years' Year 1</p> <p>Dragonflies class 2020-2021 please enter the school through the main gate only.</p> <p>Bumblebees class 2020-2021 please enter the school through the small pedestrian gate adjacent to the Y1 block only.</p>	<p>Keyworker or vulnerable children who attended school prior to Monday 29th June 2020 to attend school at the following times and please enter the school through the main gate only.</p> <p>08:30-08:45 until 15:15</p> <p>08:30-08:45 until 15:15</p>
	<p>Current Year 5 children & next years' Year 6</p> <p>Otters class 2020-2021 please enter the school via the top gate only.</p> <p>Hérons class 2020-2021 please enter the school via the pedestrian gate nearest to Coronation Street.</p>	<p>Current Year 5 children & next years' Year 6</p> <p>Otters class 2020-2021 please enter the school via the top gate only.</p> <p>Hérons class 2020 - 2021 please enter the school via the pedestrian gate nearest to Coronation Street.</p>	
Wednesday 15 th July	<p>Current Year 1 and Year 2 children next years' Year 2 and Year 3</p> <p>Nightingales class 2020-2021 please enter the school through the small pedestrian gate adjacent to the Y1 block only.</p> <p>Owls class 2020 – 2021 please enter the school via the top gate only.</p> <p>Kingfisher class 2020 - 2021 please enter the school through the main gate only.</p>	<p>Current Year 1 and Year 2 children next years' Year 2 and Year 3</p> <p>Nightingales class 2020-2021 please enter the school through the small pedestrian gate adjacent to the Y1 block only.</p> <p>Owls class 2020 – 2021 please enter the school via the top gate only.</p> <p>Kingfisher class 2020 - 2021 please enter the school through the main gate only.</p>	<p>Keyworker or vulnerable children who attended school prior to Monday 29th June 2020 to attend school at the following times and please enter the school through the main gate only.</p> <p>08:30-08:45 until 15:15</p> <p>08:30-08:45 until 15:15</p>

Thursday 16 th July	<p>Current Year 3 and next years' Year 4</p> <p>Eagles class 2020 - 2021 please enter the school via the top gate only.</p> <p>Puffins class 2020 -2021 please enter the school through the main gate only.</p>	<p>Current Year 3 and next years' Year 4</p> <p>Eagles class 2020 - 2021 please enter the school via the top gate only.</p> <p>Puffins class 2020 -2021 please enter the school through the main gate only.</p>	<p>Keyworker or vulnerable children who attended school prior to Monday 29th June 2020 to attend school at the following times and please enter the school through the main gate only.</p> <p>08:30-08:45 until 15:15</p>
	<p>Current Year 4 and next years' Year 5</p> <p>Badgers class 2020 -2021 please enter the school through the main gate only.</p> <p>Foxes class 2020 - 2021 please enter the school via the pedestrian gate nearest to Coronation Street.</p>	<p>Current Year 4 and next years' Year 5</p> <p>Badgers class 2020 -2021 please enter the school through the main gate only.</p> <p>Foxes class 2020 - 2021 please enter the school via the pedestrian gate nearest to Coronation Street.</p>	
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