

## June 2024 – Newsletter

### Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year! I hope that you all had a fantastic break and that the children are returning bright and ready for some more learning.

There are lots of events to look forward to, including KS2 west end trip, sports day, summer concert/fair, open classrooms, Year 4 residential, Year 5 and 6 production, and the Year 6 leavers assembly. We will hopefully also be able to start using the school swimming pool, subject to the chemical levels and adult support.

Please don't forget to send your child to school with suitable clothing. If it is hot, then make sure they have a hat and have suncream applied before school begins. If it looks like it may rain, then send in a light, waterproof coat for playtimes.



With regards  
Dawn Deacon

### Staffing

I'm sure that you will all be keen to know the class teachers in each year group. I can now share the plan for the coming year, with some movement of staff to alternative year groups.

| Class     | Teacher                         |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Reception | Miss Polly-Anne Stanley         |
| Year 1    | Miss Diplock and Miss Eatock    |
| Year 2    | Mrs Grove and Mrs Barnes-Weston |
| Year 3    | Miss Simmons                    |
| Year 4    | Mrs England and Mr Tull         |
| Year 5    | Mr Walker                       |
| Year 6    | Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Stevens-Ward  |

### Collective Worship



In collective worship, the children will have a focus on being thankful, and then considering changes, as they move onto a new school, or enter a new classroom.

In school, each class says a lunchtime prayer, to give thanks for their food. We have also heard the story of the 10 lepers, when only one leper thanked Jesus for healing him.

Even if you do not follow the Christian faith, it is important to teach children how to be thankful for everything they have. We often talk about being grateful for the fresh air, friendship, food, a bed to sleep in, clothes and clean water.





## Swimming

We are hoping to finally use the swimming pool this half term. The pool has taken more time than usual this year, with the filter upgrade and the heating not working consistently. Let's hope for some good weather and some chemical balance, to ensure the use for the final few weeks of the year.

Please remember that your child needs to have a suitable swim lesson swimsuit, towel, swim hat and goggles (if they choose) all in a bag, for each timetabled lesson. Children cannot wear plasters, nail varnish or earrings when in the pool, so please ensure that the children are ready for each session. All children will need to wear a swimming hat, so please make sure that they have one, when they start the lessons.

We are very pleased to have a new swim coach this year, and welcome Mrs Scotto Di Marrazzo to the team. She will teach the children to swim, alongside a member of staff. We also need at least 1 (2 for KS1) parent(s) to help with each swim session and there are some classes who still do not have enough volunteers. Please let us know if you can help, even if it is with a different year group. We rely very heavily on parental support for these lessons to take place, to ensure safety, so thank you in advance if you can help in any way. The younger children still need a huge amount of support to dress and change for swim lessons.

Please also remember that you must let the office know if your child(ren) is ill with a stomach bug, such as vomiting and/or diarrhoea, as they will not be able to swim for 2 weeks. This is due to the spread of illness in the water.

## Earrings and long hair

I have noted that I mentioned long hair and the need to tie it back for school (and definitely PE lessons) in my last newsletter. However, this does not seem to have improved in school and we still have children taking part in PE lessons with hair hanging around their face. This is just not safe! This week I will be monitoring this and providing a hair band for those that need one.

Also, although the school is not strict about school uniform, we do prefer the footwear to be all black. There seems to be many alternative trainers worn on non-PE days, rather than the usual school shoes. Please can we ensure that as new shoes are purchased, that they keep to all black expectations.

Thank you for your support with this matter.





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