

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

Thank you all for your support over this very challenging transitional year for the school. The children, staff and parents/carers have adapted tremendously well to working in different ways over the last 10 months, not least during COVID-19 lockdown. I feel, because of this commitment, our children are in a good place when they return to school in September. They will be able to pick up their learning quickly and develop a new sense of normality which includes their friends and teachers.

I am exceptionally proud of this school and I know you are too. Word has spread of the great work the school is doing. So much so, that we are close to full capacity in September with several students joining our Family in the new academic year! This is great as we get to make new friends and children get to learn from more people, however it is also important for the future of the school and the community. Places are limited in several year groups and/or classes now, to ensure that students get a fair level of adult support. However, if you know someone that is interested in joining our school, please recommend they call and apply as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment.

It was a week of mixed emotions in school. We had great fun dressing up as teachers or in our pyjamas; watching movies; creating artwork around the village and having our own Olympics afternoon. However, it was also a sad week for us as we said goodbye to our three Year 6s, Eva, Bella and Siobhan, who will be going to secondary school in September. We are really pleased that the girls managed to get the send off they deserved at their Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday, which many of you attended (virtually). We will however, look to add to this send off as soon as we can. Depending on government advice, we may look into the possibility of a Leavers' Barbeque, as is tradition! The girls have also been invited to join us on our rearranged residential, next Easter, as it takes place during school holidays. Thank you to the Year 6s and their parents over the years with all the work you have done for the school in various roles, such as governor, helping organise and run school events and helping at Sports Club; we will miss you all!

September brings new beginnings. As well as several new students, including 12x Early Years, 2x Year 3s, 1x Year 4, 1x Year 5 and 1x Year 6, we are also welcoming Miss Gilliland to our brilliant staff team! Miss Gilliland will be visiting the school over the summer, as well as moving to the area from Northern Ireland. You may see her out and about, so don't forget to introduce yourself! Miss Gilliland will teach Class 3 full-time with the full-time support of Miss Draper, as well as my support for up to 50% of the week, so that our largest class gets the most adult support!

A full plan and risk assessment of the school will be conducted towards the end of the Summer Holiday, which will be shared with parents/carers, so that you can clearly see that your children are coming back into the safe school they know and love, with some slight adjustments to routines.

Have an enjoyable summer & thanks again for all your support,

Mr Cooper (Interim Headteacher)



Home Learning Heroes and School Superstars







Term Dates (Academic Year 2020-21)

	Break up	Return to School
AUTUMN TERM 2020		<u>Wednesday</u> 9th September
OCT HALF TERM 2020	Friday 23rd October	Monday 2nd November
CHRISTMAS 2020	Friday 18th December	<u>Tuesday</u> 5th January
FEB HALF TERM 2021	Friday 12th February	Monday 22nd February
EASTER 2021	Friday 26th March	<u>Tuesday</u> 13th April
MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2021	Friday 30th April	Tuesday 4th May
MAY HALF TERM 2021	Friday 28th May	Monday 7th June
SUMMER 2021	Friday 23rd July	Wednesday 8th September 2021 (TBC)

Teacher Training Days 2020/2021 :7th & 8th September, 4th January, 12th April and 26th July

Please avoid booking holidays and other non-essential term-time absence during these term dates.

