



Newsletter June 2021

Message from Mrs. Orchard

As we move into the last term of the academic year I wanted to take the opportunity to thank parents for their support in recent months. I appreciate the changes have been difficult when they impact on the children. I want to assure you that the staff are determined to plan and prepare fully for Sept – learning will continue to be challenging and fun.

In September you will have the opportunity for a face to face meeting with the new Head teacher. At this point you will have a clearer picture about how the children have settled and the arrangement of the classes.

I am still your head teacher until the end of August, so if you need to contact to discuss anything please send an email or text the school mobile.

We are looking forward to making the rest of the term as normal as possible for the children; it is important their memories, especially for Y6, are happy and fun. We will continue with a sports morning and school production. Details below.

Appointments During School

If your child has a medical, dentist or any other appointment during school hours, proof of the appointment must now be shown to the school office to be able to authorise your child to leave school during school hours. Please can it be shown to the Mrs. Bridge or another member of staff as soon as you receive the appointment. We appreciate some appointments can be last minute, but proof must still be shown.

Miss Jones

Thursday we said good bye to Miss Jones who has been working in Oak class since the start of term 5. We all wish her every success as she starts her career in teaching.

TD DATES 21/22

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 8th April 2022

Monday 4th July 2022

Monday 25th July 2022

Sun Cream & Hats

Please make sure the children have applied a sun screen before coming into school as well as bringing in a hat. It has been very hot recently and we hope to have more great days before the end of term.

Events in July

Despite the extension to lockdown we are going ahead with a bubble sports day for the children on July 9th. This will be a series of flat races and all equipment used will be sanitised between groups so we are following our risk assessment. We will post some pictures for you to enjoy on Twitter and Facebook.

School production – Mr Laws will be filming the class production ‘Pirates of the Curry Bean’ during the last few weeks of term as we are not permitted to have an audience on site. Once the film is recorded we will show the performance to each class bubble so they do not miss out on the show.

Secondary schools are keeping us updated with regards to school visits following the extension to lockdown. It may be that they will not go ahead this year but I have attached a link to school transition for any child who may be feeling anxious about moving on.

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/supporting-childrens-transition-to-secondary-school-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/>

Reports

End of year reports will be with you week beginning July 12th. There will be no face to face meetings to discuss the reports due to lockdown extension. It is hoped that the detailed content will give you an accurate update on your child’s learning after the disruption to classes this year. There will be no national benchmarks, however the class teacher will identify for parents the key learning in English and Maths so you are aware of their progress against the expectations for the year group. I will explain in detail the report content when they are sent to parents.

Class Structure

As numbers currently stand the class structure for next year will be as follows

EYFS/Y1	Mrs Blankley (0.6)/ Mrs Cruttenden(0.4)
Y2/Y3/Y4	Miss Wise (FT)
Y5/Y6	Mr Laws (0.6) + TA (0.4)

Obviously this structure may need to change depending on movement of pupils to / from the school, but this is what we are planning to teach in September. It is important that the staff can now begin to use these next few weeks to finalise the curriculum to address the needs of each cohort

I am more than happy to discuss these arrangements with individual parents

Hot Dinner – Price Increase

From September, the price of a school hot dinner will be increasing from £2.30 per meal to £2.35 per meal.

Relationship and Sex Education Policy

Thank you for taking the time to read the policy on line. The deadline to add comments has passed so I will be taking the policy to the Governing Body in July for ratification. During the summer term the whole school will be covering the module ‘Changing Me’.

There are a number of very good websites that explain puberty for children – nhs, nspcc.

Old Parsonage Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone for your generosity supporting The Old Parsonage cake sale. We thoroughly enjoyed getting the children out of school to support our local community. It was quite a treat to buy a cake for break time! The Old Parsonage raised a fantastic £197.00 for the Alzheimer's Society!

The residents were delighted to see the children – it's been so long since we have been able to join in events



Beech Class Canal Trip

Beech class enjoyed a fantastic day out last week visiting Avoncliff and Bradford on Avon as part of their studies linked to the canal and river as well as seeing the work of Brunel. I know you would all want me to thank Mrs Blankley for arranging our first school trip of the year.

