



## Newsletter – April 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Summer Term is here. It's amazing to think about how fast the year has gone so far and we know that this term will also feel like it is disappearing quickly. We all hope that you had a lovely Easter break. This term is a busy one and as always and we will keep you up to date with all the news as soon as we have it.

### Easter Service

Well done to all of the children for the lovely Easter service at the church on the last day of term. It was a really well presented service with some super readings and excellent singing by everyone. Thank you to the staff for all of their hard work in putting the service together, and thank you to everyone at the church for making us so welcome again. If you were able to make it on the day, thank you for your support too. We appreciate it.

### Attendance

Thank you for your continued efforts with school attendance. As I have said on many occasions, good school attendance is vital and we appreciate everyone's efforts with this. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance please make sure you speak to their teacher.

Here are the results up to the end of April for the year group attendance trophy. 4 out of the 6 year groups have improved class attendance since the last newsletter. Well done in particular to Y2 (KS1) and Y3 & Y5 (KS2) for having the highest attendance rates at this time of the year.

Y Group	% attendance rate for this academic year	Trophy Winners
R	95.83%	KS1 winners <b>Year 2</b>
1	95.79%	
2	<b>96.02%</b>	
3	<b>96.09%</b>	KS2 winners <b>Year 3 &amp; 5</b>
4	96.07%	
5	<b>96.09%</b>	
6	95.25%	

### PE kits

Although children have their PE lessons on timetabled days each week, can we please ask you to make sure that they have their PE kits in school every day. Can we also ask you to make sure that all clothing, (especially PE kits), is clearly labelled so that we can quickly match children to their lost clothing.

### Plastic Free Day – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019

You may remember that in my last newsletter, I mentioned a 'Plastic Free Day' which we will hold in school on Wednesday 8th May. We want a day where we try to eliminate using single use plastics. Single use plastics are those which we use once and then throw away. Plastics such as water bottle are usually reusable. What we will ask you to do is to think carefully about this, especially with packed lunches. What are the children's packed lunches wrapped

in? What else could you have in your packed lunch that doesn't use single use plastics? Together, can you think of alternative foods or packaging?

### **Sun safe**

At this time of year, we would also like to remind you about sun safety.

- Water bottles - please make sure that your child has a water bottle everyday. These need to be refreshed everyday.
- Hats - we would like to see children with a hat to wear. Please make sure hats are named before they come into school.
- Sun cream - the once a day sun creams that you can buy are ideal for school use. These can be applied at home before school and they avoid the need to add more sun cream during the school day. If your child brings sun cream into school they will need to be able to apply it themselves and it will also need to be in a labelled container that is kept in the classroom. Although we love the fact that we have lovely children in school who would happily share their sun cream, we do need to be careful with sharing due to some children having allergies to certain creams.
- We will make sure that children have plenty of access to shade when they are outside.



### **Summer Uniform**

Here is a reminder of the school uniform policy as we head into the summer term. I have been really impressed by the standard of school uniform this year and how smart the children have looked throughout the year. Yet again thank you for your support with this.

- School sweatshirt or sweat cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirt or short sleeved shirt.
- Grey/black shorts/trousers/skirts/pinafore dress.
- Children can wear gingham dresses in the summer (school colour blue).
- In the summer children can wear sturdy sandals which support their feet and have a back on them. No flip flops.

### **TT Rock Stars Update**

Well done to all of the children who have already begun to climb the ladder as part of the TT Rock Stars programme. We hope that all of the children who have been given their own log in details, use the online learning platform regularly at home so that they can get faster and faster with their times tables and therefore improve their 'Rock Speed'. The ultimate aim is to be able to answer random questions in under a second. If this happens they will have made it to 'Rock Hero' status.



- Across KS2 we already have 8 children who are answering questions in less than 3 seconds.

- 4 children have achieved 'Rock Legend' status which means they are answering questions in 2 seconds or less.
- Our school average speed is 6.15 seconds per question.

### **Swimming**

We are currently looking at our swimming arrangements for this year. Unfortunately, the swimming pool is unable to be used at the moment and we are in the process of looking at what we can do to sort out those issues. In the meantime, we are in the process of organising alternative lessons using a local swimming pool. When these arrangements have been finalised we will of course, let you know the details.

### **ParentPay**

This term we have had a go at organising the football club using ParentPay. This trial has been successful so a huge well done to Mrs. Rundle for organising that. We will therefore look to organising all of our clubs from September onwards in this way too. You will receive notification of those clubs via email and then all places will be booked online. It is hope that this will not only save paper, but also lots of office time. So that you don't miss out with any school information, please make sure that you update any changes to your contact details on ParentPay.

### **Dates**

<b>MAY</b>	
Monday 6th	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8th	Plastic Free Day
Wb 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SAT's week
27 <sup>th</sup> May-31 <sup>st</sup> May	HALF TERM
<b>JUNE</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Non pupil day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Work Showing
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day

Other dates will be added as they are arranged.

As always, thank you for your continued support with all aspects of school life.

Regards

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