



Celebrate and learn together

Friday 9th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come towards the end of another unimaginably strange academic year I would like to say a huge thank you to all our teachers, teaching assistants, our pastoral support mentor and most of all the children, who have been working tirelessly to catch up with the learning that has been lost over the last year and a half. Along with support from parents at home we have gone a long way towards filling in the gaps in children's knowledge and skills and the work will go on into the next academic year. We also need to thank all our wonderful support staff - in the office, kitchen and cleaners who have helped us to keep everyone safe and keep the school open this year.

Although we have not been able to go ahead with all of our usual end of year activities, I was delighted that Year 5 and Year 6 were able to have a residential sleepover at school. We have also had several very successful trips e.g. to Keynsham Park and The Mendip Activity Centre.

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to ask you to continue to be cautious. Numbers of Coronavirus infections are going up in our local area and it would be hugely disappointing if we had to start home learning again because of a rise in infections.

Best wishes
Mrs Graham

Footballs Coming Home

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of England making it through to the final at Wembley on Sunday and enjoyed celebrating by wearing red and white to school today! As reaching the final is (sadly) a unique event for England, and we are aware that many children will stay up to watch it, our trust has made the decision that **children may arrive to school on Monday 12th July, at any time up until 10.30am (at the latest)** and they will not be marked late in the register. For those children arriving at the usual time of 8.50am, please use the bubble gates and line up on the playground as usual. Any children arriving between 9am and 10.30 am will need to enter the building via the main office entrance. Please remember to socially distance while waiting by the main office.



Staffing News

After 12 years at the school, Mrs Brewer, one of our School Meal Supervisory Assistants is retiring this summer. Mrs Brewer has seen the school through many changes and will be much missed by all the staff and children. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Brewer every happiness on her retirement. Miss Lam is also moving on at the end of the academic year and will be greatly missed.

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Hillier is returning to work on Monday. Mrs Hillier will not be teaching classes until September, but she will be working with some small groups and listening to readers. Mrs Hillier is looking forward to being back and being part of the St John's team and we are very much looking forward to having her back.

Zest Catering Book Competition

WE NEED YOU! Here is your chance to get your recipe added to a published cookbook, with some help from Zest. We need healthy recipes for breakfast, lunch, dinner or dessert. Each meal must feed 4 people and meet one of the healthy criteria: Natural alternatives to sugar, Low salt, Reduced fat content. Fill out the form with this poster. All entries need to be submitted to zest@wellswaymat.com by the 17th September. Use the subject 'cookbook'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uwz64F8RxZQ>

Parent Survey

Thank you to those parents who completed the parent survey this year, your feedback is appreciated and valuable. The results are being analysed and will inform the school improvement plan next year. A summary of the data is attached with the newsletter.

Vaccination

With a growing number of Covid cases in our local area, vaccination has never been more important. Please see the link below which provides useful information on the vaccination programme:

<https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/covid-19-vaccine/resources/>

There are also useful images on the NHS Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NHSwebsite>

School Values

Over the last two weeks, the children have been learning about the school values of 'Family' and 'Freedom'. The children have been taught what family and freedom mean and how to demonstrate these values. The following children have been awarded a Headteacher award for demonstrating these values:

Family: Bruno – YR, Oliver and Seren-Y1, Poppy-Y2, Izzy-Y3, Edward-Y4, Lexi and Blaise-Y5JP, Tilly-Y5KP, Axel -Y6
Freedom : Jacob -YR, Seren -Y1, Shaynah-Y2, Phoenix- Y3, Neo-Y4, George-Y5JP, Thomas-Y5KP, All of Y6 for being brave and supportive of each other at The Mendip Centre today- Y6

In addition, we do apologise to Sammy and Louis in 5KP who were accidentally missed off the last newsletter for winning the head teachers award for demonstrating Wisdom (Sammy) and Creativity (Louis). Very well done to you both!

Dates for the Diary

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
5-16 July	Y5JP SWIMMING 12.30-2.30	Parent helpers arrive at 12.30
21 July	School Fair	During the school day – children only
13 July	Y6 Premier Sports Fun Day	In school
14 July	Commins Sampling	Parents to register to take part
20 July	Y6 Leavers Production	
21 July	END OF TERM	
2 & 3 September	INSET DAY	
6 September	School Starts 8.50 prompt	