



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With half term fast approaching it feels strange that we are very much towards the end of the academic year.

Despite the easing of lockdown, moving forwards it is clear that this still needs to be done with caution, especially in schools. Please remain vigilant with illness and take the same precautions that have been in place across the year. All current arrangements for start and finish times, lunchtimes, PE kit etc. will stay in place for the rest of the year, even if further easing occurs. We appreciate your patience with this and thank you for your support over this academic year.

We are trying to slowly and carefully bring back some of the school based activities that we have had to put on hold. For example, please see below the section about some clubs returning after half term. However, there will still be certain occasions where an alternative to our usual events will have to be in place.

There will always be other issues that arise in school but please speak to either the staff, Mrs Lowe or myself if you have any queries or concerns, however minor. As we say on every newsletter, please do not wait to contact us because the sooner we know about any issue the quicker we can resolve it.

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

Thank you for enabling the staff to have a conversation about your child via the telephone in recent weeks. We hope you found the update useful and informative.

We are hopeful that in some way we might be able to hold 'open classroom' events where we enable you to spend time in school with your child to look at the work they have produced. These will take place in July and as much notice as possible will be given. The logistics have to be in line with any guidance in place at that point to ensure the safety of all.

An end of year report will also be issued in early July in a slightly amended format. There will be no external judgements to be made this year following the cancellation of all statutory assessments.

SUN SAFETY

As it rains yet again, I am unsure why I am mentioning this! But please can we remind you about sun safety. As the



weather warms up, please remember to apply sunblock to your child before coming to school. We recommend using 8hour sun protection so that the children are covered for all outdoor activities. As a last resort, sun cream can be sent to school for the children to apply themselves, under adult supervision. Please make sure that all sun cream is clearly marked with your child's name.

Whenever possible, the children are taken onto the green areas to play during lunchtimes and so please ensure they bring a sunhat. They should also have a water bottle, clearly marked with their name and class – please note this should be a separate water bottle to the drink your child brings to have with their packed lunch from home. Thank you.

CLUBS

In an effort to provide some form of extra-curricular activity, this year we are planning on offering after school clubs for the five weeks after half term – starting week beginning June 7th and concluding week beginning July 5th.

Please see the list below. A Google form will follow for you to sign up on a first come first served basis.

If your child has a sports club place, they need to come to school that day ready to partake in that club even if it is not their dedicated PE day. Further details will be on the Google form. The sessions will be for a maximum of 16 children and we ask that parents contribute £5 for the block (£1 per lesson) if the club is run by an external provider.

All clubs will be mainly outdoors so are clearly weather dependent. A text message will be sent for any cancellations so please ensure your contact details are up to date.

Mon	Y3/4 Hockey	3:30pm - 4:30pm	£1 per session
Mon	Y5/6 Hockey	3:30pm - 4:30pm	£1 per session
Tues	Y3/4 Sketch Club	3:20pm - 4:15pm	No charge
Tues	Y5/6 Cricket	3:30pm - 4:30pm	No charge
Wed	Y1/2 Football	3:10pm - 4:15pm	£1 per session

INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 28th May is our final Inset Day for the current academic year – a reminder that school will be closed on that day.

Our 2021 – 2022 Term dates, including Inset Days, can be found on our website.

UNIFORM

A reminder - please can you make every effort to keep to the school uniform as set out on our website. We have noticed a clear slip in the standards of presentation of some of our pupils and we would appreciate your support in ensuring consistency and fairness to all. Thank you.

Please note that the only jewellery allowed in school are earrings and ensure that these are appropriate and in line with school policy, which is in place mainly for safety reasons. All earrings need to either be removed or covered over on PE days.

As we move into the summer, please remember that it is unsafe for children to wear open toed sandals around school.

SPORTS DAYS

In the next half term, we will arrange for 'Sports Day like' events to be in place for each phase of the school. These will be partly led by our Year 6 pupils who will support the staff in arranging and leading the activities. Year 5 and 6 will then have their own event.

The dates and specific details have yet to be put in place but unfortunately we will be unable to invite parents to these events with the restrictions as they are currently. Even if the situation changes later this term, there is no guarantee that we would be allowed to have large numbers on site so we feel it is best to make the decision now and plan accordingly to allow the children to enjoy some of our annual school activities.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We are eager to find out interest levels in a before and after school provision for **September 2021**. Premier Education will potentially offer childcare on site from 7:45am. There are various options for after school care that include a shorter session until 4:45pm or a longer session until 6:00pm. All of the information (including prices) can be found in the letter on our website [here](#)

Thank you very much to all of the parents who have already completed the survey to gauge interest. We would love to know if any other families may take up this offer. This is NOT a booking form, it is merely to plan for the numbers they may need to be prepared for. The care can be used on a 'one off' basis and would be perfect for shift workers. Once registered, sessions can be booked up to half an hour before they begin for those 'last minute' emergencies that can easily occur.

If you have not yet answered the survey then please follow the link [here](#)



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