

June and July Newsletter (Summer 2)

I hope your half term break was both relaxing and full of fun. This term is busy with the main focus being transition as children learn who their new teachers will be and, of course, our Year 6 leaving for secondary school. We also have Sports Day, class swap day, the Year 6 performance and, of course, the much-loved visit by the ice-cream van on the last day! Busy as usual!



New classes

The class lists have been drafted and staff take care to think carefully about where children will be placed. This can involve friendship, abilities, pairings that are supportive and children that need to be kept apart. It is quite a juggling act but one that staff take very seriously. We will be sharing these new classes with the children in June and they will spend a day with their new teachers.



Diary Dates and payments

Staff share dates and details of events as soon as possible and will use the reminder function on Dojo. It is, however, your responsibility to make a note of these dates and deadlines for payments. The office is inundated with parents saying they have missed a payment deadline and expecting them to re-open or change details. You wouldn't do this for a business or a shop and the same applies in school. This also applies to payments for Breakfast Club and After School Club or school dinners. Please ensure you read messages carefully and pay promptly for any events or items purchased through school. Thank you.



Uniform

Can I please remind you that Crocs, however comfortable people say they are, are not suitable shoes for school. School shoes or sandals should be worn at all times. I try to help out with uniform by not insisting on logos or any specific brand but I do expect children to be in the correct colours and to be following the uniform requirements as set out on the website. This also applies to P.E clothes as there are some children who are wearing a range of colours and not the royal blue we ask for. The only range of colours allowed will be for the Year 6 on P.E days when they are presented with their leaver's hoodies.

With the warmer weather (I say this with my fingers crossed) approaching please do ensure that children have a hat in school, along with a water bottle and sun-cream.



Sports Day

We are planning to hold sports days on the 3rd July. KS1 and EYFS will race in the morning and the KS2 in the afternoon. We will aim to start at 9.15 a.m and 1.30 p.m. Please do remember to bring your own chair or rug to sit on for the events as we will not be providing these for spectators. The only reason for cancelling the events will be for health and safety reasons and the risk to children slipping on wet grass.



Attendance

We are having a lot of holiday requests at the moment. School is judged and monitored on attendance and Head teachers should not authorise holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. Paperwork and fines will be sent to DCC and they make final decisions. Fines for holidays in term time are:

- *First Offence - £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.*

- *Second offence - In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.*

There are also an increasing number of children who are arriving school late, sometimes every day. Again, our attendance policy clearly states:

Morning registration ends at 9.10 a.m. If a child arrives after the registration period, he / she will be marked in as Late. After 9.20 a.m this will become an Unauthorised Absence.

It is your parental responsibility to ensure your child is at school on time, every day. Please make sure they are here, ready to learn at the correct time.



Thank you for your support with providing resources such as toys, puddle suits and wellies so that we can fully develop our OPAL offer. There will be an opportunity for all parents to come and see OPAL in action on the 26th June in the afternoon - more details to follow.



Events this term

1 st June	Inset day - school closed for pupils
2 nd June	School re-opens for pupils.
4 th June	Careers Fair for Year 6
4 th June	Year 5 WOW
w/b 8 th June	Phonic Screening Checks for Year 1
9 th June	Class Photos
12 th June	Non uniform Day - bring a bottle for the Summer Fair donations
15 th June	Booknic event - Years 1, 2 and 3
17 th June	New starter meeting for children starting FS2 in September 2026
17 th June	Maths Day
19 th June	FS1 Trip to Bluebells
23 rd June	Cricket Day
24 th June	Class Swap Day
23 rd / 24 th / 25 th June	Transition days for Long Eaton School
24 th / 25 th June	Transition days for Friesland and Wilsthorpe
26 th June	OPAL afternoon for parents
29 th June	Booknic event - Years 4, 5 and 6
8 th - 10 th July	Year 4 Residential
9 th July	FS2 trip to Conkers
10 th July	Year 2 WOW
13 th July	End of Year reports to parents
15 th July	Year 4 WOW
16 th July	Year 6 Productions - 2.00 p.m and 5.00 p.m
22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Party
23 rd July	Last day of term

Thank you for your continued support. *Mrs Dainty*