



School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write today the Christmas break feels so long ago already. Nevertheless, I trust that you had an enjoyable time together as a family at home.

New Year is a time for reflection – it is for me in my position as Headteacher anyway. There was much to ponder on in my household this year and I'm sure there was for you too.

One could be easily forgiven for getting tied up with thoughts and negative feeling arising from the obvious events from last year. It is true to say that my thoughts were focused around the single greatest world event from last year (coronavirus), but my personal focus was drawn to the hope that 2020 provided us with, the hope I was able to glean despite the difficulties that we all encountered along the way.

This may seem a rather odd line to take, yet when digging deep in examining everything that has happened, there is so much to be proud of that gives me hope for a better 2021.

Despite a national lockdown being imposed on 4th January, I am most hopeful of the news of the vaccine and the speed at which it is being readied across the UK which will shed light at the end of the tunnel for us all. Being hopeful and showing my appreciation of those who have been at the heart of the vaccine development programme is helping me maintain a sense of positivity for the impact we can now have on our children's education in the coming months and year ahead.

Having noticed just one thing to give me hope, it was easy then to find many other great acts (large and not so large) that began filling my cup with even more hope supporting my view that the world is indeed great!

For example, my hope was fuelled too by the many incredible stories of wonderful and amazing people who, amongst all of the disruption and chaos, were still able to offer themselves, their energy, their skills, and their wealth selflessly to others. I have been inspired by their appetite to contribute to their local communities in such a powerful way.

There is much to be grateful for and there is much to be positive about. If you or your child are finding things a little overwhelming at this time, begin by trying to notice one tiny thing in your life / in our lives that is providing us with hope and let it steadily grow with another tiny thing and so on.

2021 – The Year of Hope for us all.

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IMPORTANT - we are a nut free school environment.



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January 2021

***The school calendar for 2020-21 can be found on the school's website.*

Spring Term 2021

Sch closes:

Fri 12th Feb 3.15pm

Sch opens:

Mon 22nd Feb 8.50am

Sch closes:

Thurs 1st Apr 3.15pm

Summer Term 2021

Sch opens:

Mon 19th April 8.50am

Closed Mon 3rd May

Bank Holiday

Sch closes:

Fri 28th May 3.15pm

**INSET Days: 07.06.21,
22.07.21**

Sch opens:

Wed 9th June 8.50am

Sch closes:

Wed 21st July 3.15pm

*** INSET 08.06.21 now removed (to account for the emergency INSET Tuesday 05.01.21)*

School Calendars for 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 & 2023-24 can be found on the school's website.

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Remote Education

Thank you for the many positive messages received both by myself and the teachers in response to their efforts for providing remote learning.

Despite the teething problems that have been encountered I would like to place on record my thanks to you all, in particular the teachers who have shown incredible resilience overcoming some really tricky problems.

The curriculum offer that the teachers have been able to provide for the children is to be applauded. We are working tirelessly to ensure refinements are made quickly that meet the needs of all children. Please do email me or your child's class teacher with your ideas and suggestions for improvement.

The children's engagement levels have been good – please do what you can around your own circumstances. With your help, the quality and the volume of work being produced is beyond our expectation and is lovely to see.

Today we have finally resolved a chunk of the problems with Microsoft Teams – please do not be deterred if you experienced problems, we all did! We are aware of them and are working to resolve them. Things will steadily unfold as we hope.

I would ask you, and urge you, to monitor your child's online activity in keeping themselves safe as we are aware that lockdown has increased connectivity and messaging.

Car Parking

Some local residents have raised concerns with the police about adults sitting in their cars at drop / off pick up times with the engine idling to stay warm

This action drastically affects the quality of the air in and around school and not only seeps into the houses, but also into the school.

We kindly ask that in such circumstances you time your drop off / pick up to avoid having to wait in your car.

Thank you for your consideration.

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