

9th July 2021

Dear Parents

You probably heard Boris Johnson's announcement earlier this week about lifting all restrictions on 19th July. I met with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Governors and we have agreed we will be maintaining most of the safety measures we have in place for the last week of term. We cannot ignore that Covid is still very much with us and we have to protect any vulnerable members of our community. No one wants to be unwell at the start of their summer holiday.

The main change that will be made will be with regard to morning drop off and home time. From Monday 19th July, we will be removing the staggered start and finish times. All children will be expected to arrive in school by 9am; gates (at the main entrance and parish centre) will open at 8.50am, so for those of you regularly arriving at 9.15am, you will need to set your alarm clocks a few minutes earlier. Children only may come in in the morning as per usual. At home-time, both gates will open at 3.10pm and parents/carers can come onto the school site to collect children from their classroom doors (Reception's collection will be from the infant hall doors in the infant playground). We hope that this change will help bring a sense of normality back to the community. Those people wishing to continue with social distancing can wait until the very end to drop off/pick up their child/ren.

"It's coming home!" – There was great excitement this week with England getting through to the European Championship final. I have very little interest in football and have no idea about the offside rule, but despite that, I was cheering and clapping with the best of them on Wednesday night! All the best to England (and Italy for those of you supporting them!) on Sunday evening. **As this is possibly a once in a life time experience, I will allow the children to come in late on Monday morning if they have had a very late night the night before. I expect most children will be in as normal, but registers will not close until 10.30am. If your child is coming in late and has a school dinner you MUST have ordered their meal before 9.30am that day or they will not get a meal!**

Class Photos – You should have received a small copy of the class photo this week (via your child bringing it home). If you want to buy one, the details are on the photo.

School trips – Reception went to the seaside this week and Year 1 went to Paradise Wildlife park. Both year groups had a lovely time and were very lucky with the weather! Unfortunately we have not been able to organise any other trips for other year groups involving coaches. We hope that next academic year, normal visits and trips may be able to take place.

4Y Cake sale – *On Tuesday 4Y held a cake sale to raise money for "Born Free". This is a charity who cares about the welfare of endangered animals. The class worked together to bake some delicious treats and were very successful, raising a total of £131.69! The class are planning to use the money raised to adopt both a Tiger and an Orangutan from Born free. Thank you from Mrs Koumpi and Class 4Y*

Summer Fun Days – The Friends are asking for a voluntary donation of £5 per child in order for this event to take place which can be made here https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/summer_funday

Due to the weather forecast for Monday, the "Fun Day" for Years 5&6 has been moved to Wednesday. Tuesday 13th will be Reception, Years 1&2 (or Friday if weather awful) and Thursday 15th – Years 3&4

There will be a carousel of activities that each class will move around so that all classes have enjoyed everything. Children will need to wear comfortable clothes for sports/PE including trainers. Thanks to the many volunteers who have stepped forward to offer their services. Volunteers will be put at a station and so will see each class during the course of the morning/afternoon. Thank you very much for all the offers of help.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy Sunday evening's match. May the best team win!
Kind regards,

Kate Baptiste
Headteacher