

14th July 2022

Dear Parents,

This is the last newsletter of this academic year. It has been another eventful year – DfE restrictions remained in place until April; many children and staff contracting Covid-19 leading to unprecedented absence rates; necessary, but cold, ventilation all winter and now a heat wave - but a year which is ending with us beginning to feel like school is emerging positively into the post pandemic future. It has been wonderful this term to welcome parents into classrooms and this is something already being planned for next year.

Thank you for your continued support of the school this year – it is much appreciated. We are looking forward to September and beyond as we continue to work together to enable your children to flourish.

I do hope that you will all be able to enjoy some relaxing time with your children over the summer holiday period – let us hope the holidays do not start with rain!

School news:

Y5 parents and the school really enjoyed the Y5 performance of 'The Vikings' last Friday, and we are all looking forward to seeing YR's special assembly tomorrow. We look forward to welcoming YR parents to this event too.

The children enjoyed Transfer Day on 5th July, when they visited their new classrooms and met their staff team for September. Y6 children have all now spent time in their secondary schools and are ready for this next step in their learning. Y1 children were so excited to travel by coach to Buckinghamshire Museum, where they enjoyed an engaging learning workshop. KS2 welcomed Olaf Falafel, a local author, last Thursday, and really enjoyed his presentation. Next Wednesday Y6 will share their leavers assembly with their parents – always a moving occasion as we say goodbye.

Please note that the children 'break up' for the summer vacation at 1:30pm on Wednesday 20th July, and term begins in September at 8:35am on Tuesday 6th September. Please also note that Morning Activity Club and Kidzone after-school provision will be from the very start of the term and you are able to book directly with them on their website.

The Governors would like to reassure you all that they have been reflecting and working on the responses from the Parent Survey and, for some responses, practice has already been adapted to ensure any concerns raised have been addressed in a timely manner. Further information regarding our response to the areas you raised will be shared in September.

The school calendar on the website is being updated with all event information in as timely a manner as possible. We are aware that this has not been the case historically, but moving forward this will be kept current.

Important request:

Before the end of the term the children will be bringing home their work from 2021 – 2022 academic year. Please can you provide your child with a carrier bag in which to transport their books home. Thank you.

Band Camp:

Please see the attachment to this newsletter which gives information about this holiday opportunity for the children. This has been organised by Mr Danecker, our drumming teacher.

Updates from the PTA:

End of Term Disco

These will take place in the School Hall tomorrow, Friday 15th July. KS1 will be 4.45pm-5.45pm, with KS2 following shortly after 6pm-7pm.

Entry is payable on the door, by cash, SumUp or by scanning a QR code. £4 per child or £6 for a family ticket.

Please note an emergency contact number will need to be left when your child enters the School Hall. The PTA Committee working across the evening will be on hand to take details down.

Family Fun Day

The Family Fun Day is taking place this Saturday, 16th July, at Cheddington Recreation Ground. There will be a football match between Cheddington and Long Marston Dads kicking off at 3.30pm with lots of fun to keep the children entertained with garden games, rounders, face painting and more. A gourmet pizza truck and ice lollies will be available to purchase, along with hot and cold drinks plus a licenced bar.

The fun will run from 3pm-7pm, with an entry fee of £2 per adult – children go free. If you can spare any time on the day to help it run smoothly, the PTA would warmly welcome volunteers. You can sign up by visiting <https://volunteersignup.org/84PMD>

Summer Craft Bags

The PTA will be organising Summer Craft Bags to entertain children as they head into the summer holidays! With craft and quizzes included, the bags will be available to purchase from the playground at collection time on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July. The bags are priced £3, and all proceeds go to funding school resources, facilities and experiences for the children.

Upcoming dates:

Please note the following dates for your diary:

15th July – YR parents invited to a special assembly at 2:40pm

20th July – Y6 parents invited to the Leavers Assembly at 9:00am

20th July – school finishes for this academic year at 1:30pm.

6th September – Autumn term begins

Meet the Teacher meetings in September which take place at 2:45pm til 3:10pm are an opportunity for you to see your child's new classroom, receive information about the planned curriculum and to meet the team who will be working with your child:

Y1 Tuesday 6th September

Y2 Thursday 8th September

Y3 Monday 12th September

Y4 Friday 9th September

Y5 Wednesday 7th September

Y6 Tuesday 13th September

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