



Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## **Newsletter Number 1 Summer Term 2023**

Dear families,

Welcome back to school the Easter break. It is great to be all together again and the greetings from everyone at the gate on Monday were so warm and much appreciated – thank you!

### ***Summer uniform and Summer essentials***

Although the weather is slow to warm up, it is summer and you may wish your child to wear summer uniform. This comprises of dresses, skirts and tops and is in **red** or **yellow** only and can be striped or checked. Of course the children can choose to stay in their winter uniform if they wish.

Please send into school some sun cream for your child (labelled) and teach them to apply to their face, neck, arms and legs. Staff will help and encourage them in school but cannot apply it for them. A labelled sun hat/cap will also be needed. If your child suffers from hay fever we can administer medication and eye drops to help relieve the symptoms. Please email into the school office detailing any hay fever medication that you will be sending in with your child and when they will need it.

### ***WOW- Walk to school challenge- reminder!***

Children can earn special badges (made from recycled yoghurt pots!) just for walking, cycling or scooting to school and this is part of the new 'Air Quality Monsters' project. **Walk to school week takes place on 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May** so let's see how many children we can get walking, cycling or scooting to school ready for walk to school week.

### ***NEU proposed Strike days***

You will have heard that there are 2 proposed strike days one on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and another on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. These have been detailed in the 'dates for the term' at the end of this newsletter. If the strikes go ahead, those classes affected will be informed. An email will be sent home on Friday this week, to those classes affected on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

### ***School Online payment System***

We currently use Arbor for online payments and bookings. Sadly, we have had issues with this system and after trying to resolve them it has become clear they cannot be rectified. This has led to us seeking to move to a payment system that we know we can have full faith in. We are in the process of moving to Parent Mail and many of you will remember that we have used this system before. We are making this transition to Parent Mail because of the issues we have experienced and on the advice that we need to do so. We will contact you and let you know how the transition is progressing and guide you through it as best we can.

### ***Online Parent and Pupil Surveys***

Gathering the voices and opinions of our families and pupils is crucial in helping us develop our school and maintain the strengths we have. We have a new parent and pupil voice system that will email you and ask you to complete very quick surveys. An email will come to you from 'My School Wellbeing' and this will take you to the survey. We hope that you will be able to spend a few minutes responding to the survey – thank you.

### ***Coronation celebrations***

In school, the children will be celebrating the King's Coronation in many ways. A whole school Coronation Picnic is planned for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. This will comprise of a selection of sandwiches and crisps, cake/biscuits/fruit and a drink. The Coronation Picnic is free for children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 under Universal Free School Meals. Children eligible for FSM are also able to have this picnic free. The cost for all other pupils is £2.35 and the closing day for you to book this for your child in Arbor is Friday 28th April.

If your child is not wishing to have the school picnic lunch, they will need to bring their own packed lunch on the day.

### ***Staff update***

This week we welcomed Miss Marr to year 1. Miss Marr will be a familiar face to many of you as she worked here last year and so it is lovely to have her back. At the end of the week, Mrs Wolland starts her maternity leave and we wish her well as she looks forward to welcoming her new baby to the world.

*And finally,*

As you can see from the dates for the term (at the end of this newsletter), this is a very busy term. These are the initial dates for this term – but many more events will be added over the next few weeks, so please check on each newsletter.



Mrs K Brown

Headteacher

## Dates for the term

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	All Day	Proposed Teachers Strike day	Classes affected will be informed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>All day</b>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>	<b>School closed</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	All Day	Proposed Teachers Strike day	Classes affected will be informed
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Hall being used as a polling station	<b>SCHOOL OPEN TO ALL PUPILS</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	lunch	Coronation picnic	To be emailed to families
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>All day</b>	<b>Coronation Bank Holiday</b>	<b>School closed</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	4 days	KS2 SATS tests	Details to be sent to class involved
Week of 15 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Walk to school week	See newsletters
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	All week	KS1 SATS tests	Details to be sent to class involved
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>All day</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed to pupils</b>	
Week of Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>All week</b>	<b>School Closed for half term break</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	8.40am	School opens for half term	
Week of Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June and 12 <sup>th</sup> June	All week	Year 4 multiplication check	Details to be sent to class involved
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	3.15pm	PTA ice lolly sale	Details to be sent home
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	3.15pm	PTA ice lolly sale	Details to be sent home
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Class photographs	See newsletters
Week of 19 <sup>th</sup> June	All week	Sports Week	Details to be sent home
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	3.15pm	PTA ice lolly sale	Details to be sent home
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	3.15pm	PTA ice lolly sale	Details to be sent home
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	3.15pm	PTA ice lolly sale	Details to be sent home
Week of the 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Day TBC	End of year school reports to be sent home	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	3.15pm	PTA ice lolly sale	Details to be sent home
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>All day</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed to pupils</b>	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Summer break begins</b>		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>All day</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed to pupils</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>8.40am</b>	<b>School reopens for the autumn term</b>	