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2020/21 Newsletter– Edition 33 – 9th July 2021

Dear families,

The end of the school year is upon us and we are squeezing as much as we can into the final week.

**Transition Meetings:** On Tuesday we held the Transition meetings. It was pleasing to see so many families attend and we were appreciative of your thoughtful questions. Thank you for the positive feedback. We will be sending the PDFs of the presentations later today.

**Football Fever:** As you know, England have FINALLY made it a Euros final. We wanted to help the children remember this momentous occasion so today have had many football and sporting conversations. Regardless of the outcome, we hope that in years to come, the children will look back on today and remember that school made a special effort. For those of you who will be watching the game – I hope it is not too stressful! As a reminder, we are expecting children in school at their normal start time on Monday.

**Sports Days continue:** Children in Year 3 and Year 5 enjoyed the first part of their sports' day, some running around the field over 6 times. The stamina of the children is unbelievable, we have a few cross-country runners in our midst. As you know, yesterday afternoon there was an unexpected downpour. We hope the sun shines this afternoon, so the children can enjoy their sprint races.

**End of Year reports:** We apologise if staff have not been able to respond to queries quickly, they have been very busy completing the reports. Reports will be coming home today and we are sure you will be pleased with the information provided. The children have made tremendous progress despite the interruptions to their learning. We will be sending suggested homework tasks next week but remember there is a wealth of information on our YouTube channel (people watch it from all over the country and we have international views too), the children can repeat the activities they completed previously as this will improve their skills. 'Practise makes perfect'.

Across the Trust, we aim to support the essence of community, as indicated in our strapline 'one community'. As part of our values, we strive to encourage children to continuously think and reflect of how they can help others and leave a positive mark on our community.

Next week, our Year 1 pupils are holding a charity 'salon' event to gather donations for the Trussell Trust. The children recognise the importance of providing food for people in the community that need help, in one child's words 'I like sharing and I want to help people. When I am older, I want to be a nail artist so this will help me and the people that need food'. Staff and pupils will be bringing in food to have a 'salon' treatment. Of course, we are looking forward to supporting the children.



Two of our children also donated their hair to Little Princess Trust, who provide free wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer.



Additionally, Josh Larkins, our Assistant Site Controller, has been cycling for charity. He has cycled over 250 miles for 'Maggie's Centre'. They help and support families going through the stages of cancer treatment as well as providing aftercare for free. His charity ride was a thank you for the support his family received. He completed his ride at TLAP yesterday and the children were there to celebrate this and cheer him on.

We are proud of the charitable spirit within our community.

Finally, at the end of the year, we always have to say goodbye to some staff.

Miss Nicholls (Reception LSA) will be leaving us to take up the post of Deputy Manager at a local private Nursery. She has made a real impact in Reception and we will miss her. We would like to congratulate her on her promotion and wish her all the best in her new role.

Miss Hargreaves (Year 1 – Dyson) is leaving us. She will be returning to live closer to her family. She will be missed across the school and in particular by Year 1 teachers. I would like to thank her for her work behind the scenes to support the development of reading across the school.

Mrs Savage (Year 1 – Hopper) is also leaving, she too is relocating to a new area, closer to the sea as she has wished for. Of course, we will miss Mrs Savage as will her previous children. I would like to thank her for all of her support and hard work, including her behind the scenes work to support our teaching and assessing of science across the school.

#### End of school term

Nursery's last day of term will be 15th July 2021.

All remaining Year groups will finish the school term on 16th July 2021. Please see below your child's Year group finishing time. Entrance will be through Langley road and exit through Green Drive. If you have an older child to collect, Year 3 onwards, please collect them from Green Drive on the way out at their pick up time. Please only come at your allocated timeslot. There will be no afterschool club.

Year Group	Finish time
Reception	1:00
Year 1	1:10
Year 2	1:20
Year 3	1:25
Year 4	1:30
Year 5	1:35

We hope you have a lovely summer break. The children will return on 6th September 2021.



**Nursery-** In Nursery we have been learning and reading the story of 'Elmer and the Race'. We had a go at cutting out squares in different colours, then made some crafts of Elmer the patched elephant using cut out milk bottles. Afterwards, we covered ourselves with different coloured fabrics and acted out the story. We raced around the classrooms and outside. In PE we played with the parachute and used positional language to go under, over, around and on top.

**Reception-** Reception have had a wonderful week exploring space and capacity. The highlight of the week was definitely finding out England has gotten into the final. Today the children have enjoyed creating England flags and dressing up in sports gear that is meaningful to them. They have danced to 'It's coming home' and have loved watching past euro foot ball matches and creating their own football tournament outside!

### Year One and Two

This week, a group of children in Year 1 have been planning a charity food collection for the local food bank during Free Flow. On Thursday (15<sup>th</sup> July), these children will be exchanging a food bank donation for a hair style, painted nails or a transferrable tattoo. If your child would like to participate, please bring in a tin of something (tomatoes, beans, tuna) or dried goods (pasta, rice, lentils). Due to bubble restrictions this is limited to Year 1 children. The children are very excited for you to visit their charity salon!

This week in Year 2 we have been creating our own terracotta warriors. We have designed our own based off the real historic landmark based in the Shaanxi province. The children learnt to roll, squeeze and mould into shape whilst also using carving tools to add detail to the armour

### Year Three and Four

This week in Year 3, the children have been looking at performance poetry in English and finding the mass of different objects in Maths. In Art, they have begun studying an Artist called Henri Matisse and imitated a piece of his art work called *The Parakeet and the Mermaid*.

Another great week has passed in year 4 and the children are getting excited for the end of term. They have nearly completed their free-flow projects which are all looking excellent. They had a great sports day, where they completed in many different activities, including a mile run! All the children did a fantastic job that day. Also this week, the children have been adding codes into their games in computing lessons.

### Year Five

It's great to back in the building and Year 5 have certainly missed their friends over the last week. We have been busy writing our own Greek myths and looking at imperial units of measure, converting them their metric equivalents. In science we looked at unusual mixtures, including 'oobleck', which behaves as both a solid and a liquid, depending on the forces applied. Some chose to punch the mixture and were surprised by how hard it became!



## Term Dates 2020 – 2021

	Term Starts	Term Ends
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Friday 4 September 2020	Friday 23 October 2020
<b>School Closed</b>	Monday 26 October 2020 – Friday 30 October 2020	
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Monday 2 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020
<b>School Closed</b>	Monday 21 December 2020 – Monday 4 January 2021	
<b>Spring 1</b>	Tuesday 5 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021
<b>School Closed</b>	Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021	
<b>Spring 2</b>	Monday 22 February 2021	Thursday 1 April 2021
<b>School Closed</b>	Friday 2 April 2021 – Monday 19 April 2021	
<b>Summer 1</b>	Tuesday 20 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021
<b>School Closed</b>	Monday 31 May 2021 – Friday 4 June 2021	
<b>Summer 2</b>	Monday 7 June 2021	Friday 16 July 2021
<b>Inset Days:</b> (school closed) Tuesday 1 September 2020 Wednesday 2 September 2020 Thursday 3 September 2020 Friday 2 October 2020 Monday 4 January 2021 Monday 19 April 2021		<b>Bank Holidays:</b> (school closed) Friday 2 April 2020 – Good Friday Mon 5 April 2020 – Easter Monday Monday 3rd May 2021 Monday 31st May 2021

## Term Dates 2021 – 2022

	Term Starts	Term Ends
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Monday 6 September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021
<b>School Closed</b>	Monday 25 October 2021—Friday 29 October 2021	
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Monday 1 November 2021	Friday 17 December 2021
<b>School Closed</b>	Monday 20 December 2021—Monday 3 January 2022	
<b>Spring 1</b>	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Friday 18 February 2022
<b>School Closed</b>	Monday 21 February 2022—Friday 25 February 2022	
<b>Spring 2</b>	Monday 28 February 2022	Friday 8 April 2022
<b>School Closed</b>	Monday 11 April 2022—Friday 22 April 2022	
<b>Summer 1</b>	Monday 25 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
<b>School Closed</b>	Monday 30 May 2022—Friday 3 June 2022	
<b>Summer 2</b>	Monday 6 June 2022	Thursday 21 July 2022

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