

# Newsletter

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## Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year! It has been fantastic to welcome the children back and they have returned to school with such a positive attitude. Lovely to see all the smiles on a morning coming to school!

## Open Mornings

This term we are hosting class open mornings instead of assemblies. This is an opportunity to come into school and spend some time with your child. There will be a range of activities as well as the chance to look at your child's work and chat to the teacher. There will also be refreshments.

## Parking

A reminder to please not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school. The Park and Stride scheme still operates and you can park at both Elm Road Club Carpark and Nellie's Nursery Carpark and walk from there.

## Uniform

A reminder that pupils must wear plain black footwear please. Pupils should not wear jewellery and all earrings need to be taken out before attending school. Long hair should be tied up.

## Attendance

We are aware there are some respiratory illnesses and bugs circulated and the advice stays the same – if your child is unwell they should not be in school. However, it is important we still continue to monitor attendance, particularly where there are frequent absences over a term as well as unauthorised absences. Letters are being sent out next week to inform parents/carers of attendance below 90%. School is here to help and support good attendance.

## ParentPay

Can we ask that ParentPay balances are checked and cleared for the New Year please. School dinners must be paid for week by week, otherwise pupils will need to bring a packed lunch. After school care must be paid in advance, otherwise the service cannot be provided.

Thanks for all your support!

If you have any queries above any of the above please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## Dates for your diary

### Spring 1 term

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January – 5.30pm – Year 6 Residential / SATS meeting in school

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January – 9.15-10 – Y5 Open Morning

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January – 9.15-10 – Y6 Open Morning

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 9.15-10 – Y4 Open Morning

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Y6 Forest School

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – 9.15-10 – Y3 Open Morning

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February / Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Parent's Evening – online

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 Forest School

**Close for half term Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Spring half term**

### Spring 2

**Open Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Y4 Forest School

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 2pm – Spring Music Concert for parents – Y3 / Y4 / Y5

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15-10 – Y2 Open Morning

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Y2 Forest School

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15-10am – Y1 Open Morning

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Y1 Forest School

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 9.15-10am – YR Open Morning

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year R Forest School

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 9.30am / 1pm – Nursery Easter Songs

**Close Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023**

**Easter**

Y6 Easter School – 9.30-2pm – 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> April / 11<sup>th</sup> April – 13<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer 1

**Open Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Y4 Forest School

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Y3 Forest School

Close Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 **Staff Training Day – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023 / Bank Holiday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Open Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Y1 Forest School

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Y4 assembly

**Bank Holiday – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Open Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Y6 SATS – 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Forest School

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year R Forest School

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 Residential

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Y6 Forest School

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Eurovision Concert – p.m. for parents – whole school except Nursery

**Close Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Summer half term**

### Summer 2

**Open Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 Forest School

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Year R and Year 6 class photos

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery Forest School

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 assembly

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Y3 assembly

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day p.m. – Y1-Y6

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS (Reception and Nursery) Sports Day p.m

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Y2 assembly

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Y1 assembly

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – YR assembly

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery songs

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – 6pm – Y6 Performance

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 10.30am – Y6 Leaver's Presentation

**Close Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

Reopen Academic Year 2023-2024 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023