



Monday 13th September 2021

Dates for your diary

Friday 24th September

Monday 11th October

Monday 18th October

Friday 22nd October

Monday 1st November

Monday 29th November

Flu Vaccine in school

Year 5 Auggie – 2-week swimming begins

Year 6 School Journey departs

Year 6 School Journey returns

Last day of half term

School resumes

Year 5 Nergui – 2-week swimming begins

Welcome Back!!

Hello everyone and welcome back after what we hope has been a happy and restful summer for you all. It has been wonderful seeing the children again and we've enjoyed catching up on all their news and recovering from how big they have all got! Special welcome to our new parents, carers and families who are joining us in FS1, FS2 and throughout the school. We look forward to working with you and getting to know you all better in due course.

So as you know, the schools' guidance has changed and it has been wonderful to return to a much closer version of our pre-covid way of working. We are easing back gradually however and taking our time with one or two routines so at the moment, children are spending most of their time within their key stages.

It's important to note however, that we are no longer operating in bubbles and the school no longer completes any contact tracing or advises periods of self-isolation. All contact tracing is now completed by NHS Track and Trace and you will not be affected by cases in school unless you are contacted directly by them. We will now no longer be informing parents and carers of any confirmed cases in school. We will keep you updated if anything changes.

We had a busy summer with building works and our Key Stage 2 pastoral spaces have been redesigned and transformed. Mr Lawrence and Miss Best are competing with one another in a school 'Changing Rooms' competition, (because they are both so competitive!) so we'll let you know who wins once the votes have been cast. We also had some sustainability works completed including 118 solar panels installed on our roof and all lights in school replaced with LED bulbs. We hope to have our saving app up and running soon so we can track the impact of these works both financially and environmentally.

And finally, we have welcomed a new teacher to the staff. Miss Barnes is teaching in Year 5 Nergui and has had a lovely start with her new class. We welcome Miss Barnes and look forward to working with her in the future.

Attendance

YR1 Zog	98.5%
YR2 Tarzan	98.5%
YR6 Kensuke	98.4%
YR3 Tulane	97.9%
YR2 Tiddler	97.8%
YR3 Paddington	97.8%
YR4 Macbeth	97.5%
FS2 Handa	97.5%
FS2 Tigger	97.1%
YR6 Skellig	96.1%
YR4 Scribbleboy	96.0%
YR1 Horton	95.3%
YR5 Auggie	93.2%
YR5 Nergui	92.3%

**Whole school average
for the week:
96.7%**



Blue Tit Adventures

In other exciting news, many of you will remember one of our biggest lockdown adventures was the thrill of our first nesting blue tits and the joy we had watching them as they laid their eggs and looked after their chicks. This summer we were fortunate to work with a wonderful artist to design a mural

that would capture this story and remind us of the wonderful blue-tit-fever that swept the school. Our incredibly supportive school governors made some personal financial contributions to make the mural possible this summer and as a gift to the children who had navigated the last 18 months so brilliantly. We absolutely love it and it certainly has an impact in our outdoor classroom!

Parent Governor Opportunity

Our school governing body is a dynamic and diverse group who work together to monitor what we do in school, to support and challenge us to ensure that our children are getting the very best learning offer. We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and will shortly be sending out information about what the role entails and how you can make an expression of interest. It's a wonderful opportunity and we very much hope that some of you will consider putting yourselves forward. Further info to follow in due course.

ATDs (Academic Tutoring Days)

We will also shortly be sending out dates for our Academic Tutoring Days (ATDs) which is your opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher. Further info will follow shortly.

Admin Notices

1. School Dinners *please ensure you pay in advance for your child's school meals which cost £2.66 per day £13.30 per week*

2. A Data Collection Sheet *for your child will be sent home next week please check and make any changes and return to the school office*

3. Flu Jabs Leaflet & Permission Forms

FS2 to Year 6 please ensure you read the leaflet and return the form back to school as soon as possible

4. Pay 360 Education *Please use our online payment system when paying for all uniform and trips. If you need your log in details or help with setting up your account, please come to the office*