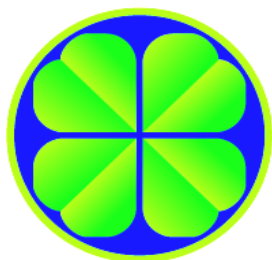


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School Calendar 2020/21

16/07/2021

Friday 21st July	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 6th September	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR

GOODBYES....

This week sees the retirement of three very special members of our school team.

Mrs Austin is renowned by children and staff alike as being our expert in all things artistic and creative. Over many years, she has inspired the children to produce some wonderful artwork and to feel successful in their efforts and she has created countless displays around the school. Mrs Austin has also long been associated with our school plays - no request for backdrop, scenery or prop has ever been turned down and she has managed the wardrobe for many casts! Although most recently, Mrs Austin has been a key member of the Grasshopper Class team, she has supported children of all ages - as well as some of their parents when they were children - she has been a member of staff for 35 years!

Mrs Thompson holds the record for the person in school who has been on most school trips - how are we going to manage without her to manage the medicines and ensure every child has what they need to relax and enjoy trips to the full? The children place every faith in her to look after their needs because they recognise her genuine care for them. In school, Mrs Thompson is the go-to person when someone needs a little extra support - she is infinitely patient, knowledgeable and creative in the ways she enables learning. Mrs T has never been less than good-humoured, positive and welcoming over the 23 years she has been at our school.

Mr Hockham came to our rescue in tricky times, at short notice and has stayed with us for 12 years! During that time, he has taken on not only the cleaning and caretaking roles but also that of a lunchtime supervisor - where children much appreciated his playground fun! Mr Hockham's helpfulness is legendary - whether it's contractors, staff, FoPPS or anyone else, he will always cheerfully lend a hand. We have all enjoyed the security of knowing that Mr Hockham always has everything in hand and that we can call on him to rescue us from all mini-disasters! He has been a friend to all.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all three for their ever-ready support for our school, for all their hard work and for being an absolute pleasure to work with.

We wish them all a very happy retirement.

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Star of the Year!

At the end of each year, the children vote for someone in their class who has made a special contribution in some way. This year the winners are:

*Ladybird Class - Megan
Bumblebee Class - Gracie
Grasshopper Class - Jenson
Caterpillars Class - Orton
Dragonfly Class - Sophie*

Well done, everyone!

Dragonfly Class Staff Changes

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Richardson for his work with Dragonfly class this term. Both children and staff have greatly enjoyed working with him.

From September, we would like to welcome back Mrs Firman. She will be joined by Mrs Whitefoot who will be teaching the Dragonflies on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Sports Day & Tokyo Trail

During this term, the children have been taking part in the Tokyo Olympic Trial. For each activity they completed they earned team points. These have been added to their PE Lesson team points and Sports Day team points. The totals are:

**1st place - Sapphires - 2310
Emeralds - 2175
Diamonds - 2160
Rubies - 1810**

Well done everyone!

Caterpillar Class Sponsored Silence

As a result of the children's sponsored silence, so far we have raised an amazing £318.

The money was raised for the charities 'New Routes' and 'UNHCR', both charities that support refugees from Syria.

Leavers Play

We would like to say a big thank you to Ms McLaughlin and the year 5 & 6 children for their amazing production of The Tempest. We were very impressed with their professionalism.

Well done!

Last Few Days of Term


As we are reaching the end of the school year, we would like to do a “stock take” of our reading books. If you have any school books at home (phonics, reading or library) please send them in with your child by Tuesday.

On Monday, we will be sending home some of your children’s work and class books. Please provide your child with a named plastic bag to put them in.

Arrangements for September 2021

Following the news of relaxation of all Covid restrictions, we are beginning to make plans for the start of the academic year. Unless the situation changes again the following will be in place;

- Entry and exit times will no longer be staggered, the school gate will open at 8.45am and children should gather on the playground ready to line up for entry at 8.50am. Teachers will collect their classes from the playground. The school day finishes at 3.15pm for everybody.
- We will be sending separate information home to the parents of our new Reception children regarding times for attendance.
- Please remember that this will make the road outside school busier than it has been in recent times and once again parking spaces maybe limited. Please feel free to drop your child at the gate and leave, the gate will be manned by a member of staff from 8.45am until teachers have taken their classes into school.
- Uniform: we will return to our usual uniform policy, details of which can be found on our website. School logo uniform can be ordered via Brigade uniforms:
- School dinners: we are negotiating with Norse Catering about availability of hot school meals for the older children and we will let you know the arrangements for this as soon as we are able.
- We continue to request that children bring hard plastic lunch boxes rather than soft fabric boxes so they can be washed after each use.
- Communication to school should continue to be by email or telephone, rather than face to face visits at present.



St Mary's Kid's Craft Club every
Tuesday morning in August at 10am
until 12pm

It's free!

For booking or more information,
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