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Newsletter 10 – Summer Term

3rd July 2020

A message from the head.....

It has been a busy week and we have loved welcoming back some children in year 2, 3, 4 and 5. It has also been lovely to see so many children on the zoom calls this week - I know the teachers have enjoyed the sessions.

Please remember that reports go out next week as well as a letter outlining which class your child will be in in September. For children at home you will need to come and collect your child's report on the day allocated.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

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Reading Books

Please can I request that you have a look around at home and see if you have any school reading books and if so return them next week when you collect your child's report or bring them in on Monday if your child is in school. We gave out over half of our school reading books at the start of lockdown and without them returned it is going to cost the school a significant amount of money to replace.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to one of our mums Mihaela Juganaru for her kind donation of lots of new reading books for our school as part of her role working for Usborne Books - thank you! The children are going to love reading these in September!



PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER

I am sure you have read in the news yesterday the government announced their plans for the full opening of primary schools from September. This means that all children will be back in school in September. We are starting to make our plans based on this guidance and will share them with you before the end of term. It is likely there will be staggered start and finished times and also a phased return for year groups in the first week back. Please bear with us whilst we make our plans.

This week's letters home – look for them on our school website under

parents/letters home

Year 6 - Leavers Party invite

Year 2 - UIFSM finishing

Autumn Term lunch menu

Report collection times

Zoom call dates & times

DIARY DATES

- 8th, 9th and 10th July – Reports collected from school (see table below)
- **REVISED Thu 16th July** – Last day of Term
- **Sat 26th Sept** – Y6 Leavers celebration

Dates for collecting your child's report if they are not in school

| Year group | Date and time |
|------------|--|
| Pre-School | Fri 10 th July 9:00 - 10:30am |
| Reception | Fri 10 th July 10:30am - 12:00pm |
| Year 1 | Thu 9 th July 9:00 - 10:30am |
| Year 2 | Thu 9 th July 10:30am - 12:00pm |
| Year 3 | Thu 9 th July 1:00 - 3:00pm |
| Year 4 | Wed 8 th July 1:00 - 3:00pm |
| Year 5 | Wed 8 th July 9:00 - 10:30am |
| Year 6 | Wed 8 th July 10:30am - 12:00pm |

Collection & Drop Off

I have noticed over this week that we have had a few incidents where parents have not been using the one way system and going back out through Kingswood Way. The one way system is in place for everyone's safety. Please ensure you follow this. If you do not want to walk around the one way system please stand at the gate and watch your child in whilst they have their temperature taken.

Please can I also ask that parents stick to the Drop off and Collection times allocated to their child's year group / Care Club to ensure we do not have too many parents and children on site at the same time this will ensure that everyone can observe the social distancing rules.

Lastly only one parent per child is allowed on site at Drop off & Collection times.

Thank you for your cooperation.



September 2020

Breakfast After School Extra-Curricular Friday

In the guidance released yesterday it is clear that schools will be able to open their wrap around care. However, there will be some restrictions. Again we will be working on our plans for this over the next couple of weeks and as soon as we are in a position to release information regarding what it will look like and how to book we will share this with you.



Stars of the week



| Class | 29th June | Class | 29th June |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Little Stars | Cian & Colbie | Perseus | Abu-Dawood |
| Cassiopeia | Aleya & Logan | Auriga | Illyas |
| Orion | Mohsin & Elliana | Eridanus | Poppy |
| Tucana | Marlo & Skye | Vela | Hasan |
| Aquila | Freddie & Sumayyah | Lyra | Jack |
| Cygnus | Matilda & Wiktorja | Lacerta | Abu Bakr & Fatin |
| Pavo | Levelle & William | Circinus | Chloe & Isabella |
| Volans | Emilie | Care Club - Y2 | George |
| Delphinus | Aaima | Care Club - Y3 | Rowan |
| Andromeda | Isabella | Care Club - Y4 | Zayaan |
| Pegasus | Lewis | Care Club - Y5 | Zara |

Gifts for Teachers

As a number of parents have already asked, I thought I would confirm that it is OK to give teachers and staff a gift at the end of term if you would like to. However, there is no expectation for parents and children to give a gift.



Writing Competition

Well done to everyone who took part, decision making was a very difficult job!

I am pleased to announce the winners are:

KS1 – Lukas Jonas – Pavo

A fabulous spooky story about a brave boy called Oscar who goes on an adventure.

KS2 – Emma – Circinus

An amazing story capturing Covid in a heart-warming way.

LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



VIRTUAL GET TOGETHER - CAMHS

Tuesday 7th July 10am

We are holding a virtual get together for our parent carers to discuss the CAMHS services and will be joined by Ross Truscott, General Manager Bedfordshire CAMHS, who will be able to take any questions you have. Please email communications@bbpcf.org.uk to book your place...

NHS help and support continues to be available across Bedford Borough through their mental health and community health services, please have a look at the attached document which has all the details.

We're pleased to be able to send you the latest Families magazine which is a "surviving the pandemic" issue.

It is full of resources and ideas to help with returning your child to school, home learning & Pre-school play and has dozens of ideas for family activities and entertainment

[Here is the link.](#)

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/bedforshire_2_?fr=sY2l3NjE0NzI4NTI&fbclid=IwAR29ft6_nH5mh32TFfDV40E7RjdM2oVGZg73vR_fxgRxaPmDGUo8q6-QwI8

