



Dear Parents,

I trust that you had a great half term and took the chance to make the best of the weather. It has been brilliant hearing what the children got up to, even if it seems like a long time ago already.

Fraser Portraits

Fraser Portraits will be coming into school to take class photographs on Thursday 17th June. The children will need to wear school uniform but if it is your child's PE day, could you please send this into school in a separate bag for them to change into for their PE lesson?

Year 2 Visit to Blashford Lakes – from Mr Lloyd



This week Year 2 visited the Blashford Lakes nature reserve, near Ringwood. This reserve is a great wetlands habitat and a fantastic place to visit for all nature lovers. The children had beautiful weather and spent the day collecting and identifying a wealth of minibeasts, newts and fish at two sites. In the morning we did classic pond dipping next to the Education Centre and in the afternoon, we walked to the river and spent the afternoon in wellies ankle deep in water, brandishing nets and fishing for shrimp, caddis fly larvae and small fish! There were lots of splashing feet and very happy faces!

It was a glorious day out which the children will remember for a long time. The teacher Jim Day is a great advocate for nature conservation and was keen to encourage all children to return with their families. I have visited many times as there is so much to see here!



Drop-off survey and future drop-off and collection arrangements

Thank you to everybody that completed yet another survey! We had a very positive response and the consensus was very clear, with over 80% of people having had a positive experience of drop-off and collection arrangements during the ongoing COVID arrangements. Similarly, 75% of you stated that you would prefer to keep an element of this arrangement as restrictions ease and we head into September.

Already, the staff and I have been looking at ways to incorporate a staggered timetable into the September routine and, having taken your feedback into account, will be able to share these with you very soon. Rest assured that we want to give as much notice as possible about September and are carefully weighing the ramifications of any changes to ensure a smooth, safe and calm start to everyone's days. Thanks for your patience.



PE Kits in September

Alongside drop-off planning, a number of parents have said how they prefer the current PE kit arrangements and would like to keep them for September. This is also something we are considering, while also being mindful that being able to get changed is a key development point of our younger children.

Being able to arrive wear PE kit does ensure that children spend more time being active and less time changing. It also gives you the chance to ensure kit is washed much more frequently. However, where children may need kit unexpectedly, forget kit or just need a change of clothes for those 'accidental' moments, having kit in school is always helpful. I must also add that we would need to review the kit-list and ensure that there is a very clear dress code for PE days. I am reluctant to send yet another survey, but I would be interested in your thoughts on this. If you would like to share your thoughts, feel free to chat to me at drop-off or collection times, email me via the office or drop me a line. As with any changes we may make, I will endeavour to keep you informed as soon as possible.

Sports Day

After discussing this year's Sports Day as a staff team and very carefully weighing all of the logistical issues with the staff, we have decided that we are not able to safely invite families to join us on site for the day. I am aware this may come as something of a disappointment to many, especially as many restrictions are being relaxed out in the wider world. However, given the nature of the event, we felt that accommodating perhaps 150 or more members of family, all of whom would need enough space to spectate and also maintain appropriate social distancing within the confines of the school grounds was not practical. With some uncertainty around whether restrictions will ease on the 21st June, we felt this was the best course of action.

Sports Day will go ahead this year and we will ensure the children have a wonderful time, cheering each other on and celebrating one another's efforts. Hopefully next year will see us return to business as normal. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. T. Williams
Headteacher

This Week:

To help support you at home and to spark conversations about learning, here is what the children have been covering this week.

	English	Mathematics
Reception	This week in reception class, we have started our new topic of down on the farm, the children have heard and read the story of Farmer Duck as our English focus and they have written a timetable of his very busy day and a letter of complaint to the farmer for being so bossy and Lazy! In phonics, we have been remembering the trigraphs: ure, igh, ear and air.	In maths, we have been learning to double numbers first using practical equipment and then in written form using dots and spots. In our topic work we have been writing shopping list and receipts whilst role playing in the farm shop, we have been setting up and playing in the small world farm, doing some duck doubles, practised our scissor skills by making a paper farm scene and much, much more!
Year 1	This week in literacy, Year 1 have written some fantastic, 'Who am I?' poems, based on of all sorts animals. I had lots of fun guessing the children's animals based on their excellent descriptions! In phonics, we have been practising our reading of alien words, the children have even created their own alien words to name my special monster. We used sound buttons to help read each other's words.	In maths, we have been working with numbers to 100. This unit has allowed us to refresh our understanding of place value. We have spent some time comparing numbers using $</>/=$, which reminded the children that it is helpful to compare the tens value first, to decide which two-digit number is the greatest.
Year 2	Year 2 visited Blashford Lakes this week and wrote many really interesting and excited reports of the day. We have also written personal news and read for pleasure.	In maths we have been looking at measuring mass and how to read scales. We have also looked at a range of reasoning and arithmetic problems.
Year 3	We continue to enjoy our novel 'Brain Freeze' and have drafted, edited and produced news reports about Izzy's time travelling ice cream van, using paragraphs, formal vocabulary, inverted commas for speech and use of the present perfect tense. We are practising further homophones in spelling.	In Maths, the children have learnt to use a method for finding equivalent fractions, by multiplying or dividing the denominator by the same number as the numerator. E.g. we can equate $1/4$ to $2/8$ because the both the top and the bottom digits are multiplied by 2. $5/10$ is equivalent to $1/2$ because both the numerator and the denominator have been divided by 5.
Year 4	This week we have had lots of fun with a geography topic week looking at Florida. We have learned all about where Florida is, its climate, the wildlife that can be found there and the amazing places that you can visit. We interpreted and made climate graphs, wrote fact files about Kennedy Space Centre, designed persuasive bumper stickers and created a tourism pamphlet.	In maths we have been looking at telling the time. Time can be a tricky thing for some children and so it would be really great if you could support your child by practicing this at home. We also looked at converting seconds into minutes, minutes into hours, days into weeks and months into years. We then went on to begin to look at the 12 hour clock, converting times from digital to analogue (and vice versa) and adding on time.

Diary Dates 2020-2021

Summer Term	
Thursday 17 th June	Year 4 Bikeability (Group 2) 3.15-5.15pm
Tuesday 22 nd June	Year 4 Pancake Race (tbc) 9:00am
Friday 2 nd July	'Move Up' Transition Day
Monday 5 th July	Sports Afternoon (tbc)
Tuesday 6 th July	Reserve Sports Afternoon (tbc)
Wednesday 7 th July	Key Stage 2 Performance (dress rehearsal to school) (tbc)
Thursday 8 th July	Year 3 Paulton's Park (tbc)
Friday 9 th July	KS2 Production filming
Monday 12 th July	KS2 Performance (tbc)
Tuesday 13 th July	KS2 Performance (tbc)
Wednesday 14 th July	KS2 Performance (tbc)
Thursday 22 nd July	Reception & KS1 Disco 5:30 – 6:15pm KS2 Disco 6:30 – 7:30pm
Friday 23 rd July	Leaver's Celebration 2:00pm Last day of term – Break up @ 3pm

Term Dates for Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

First Day Monday 6th September 2021
 Half term Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October 2021
 Last Day Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022

First Day Tuesday 4th January 2022
 Half term Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2022
 Last Day Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

First Day Monday 25th April 2022
 Half Term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022
 Last Day Friday 22nd July 2022

In addition, the school will be closed on the following dates for staff training:

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

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Monday 2nd May 2022 – Bank Holiday

'To Love God and to Love one another'