



**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Dear Families

Another positive month for School. We have had three successful Tree Tots sessions and have been delighted to welcome some new families to school to join us for this. We also have bookings coming in for the holiday club running Monday – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August. There are still places available and we really need to see some more uptake to make sure this is viable. Please do share with anyone you know who might be interested. Over the next two months my priorities are for school to be ready for a brilliant year ahead from September. Together as a school community we have achieved so many things in a year of such challenges and I'm filled with such motivation and excitement for what we will achieve in what will hopefully be an easier, less disturbed, year ahead. Attached with this newsletter is a booklet outlining the improvements we will be making to our curriculum and how this is taught next year, included in this is also a piece of my plans for growing our school into the 'Hub' of the community it should be. To get this right I need to hear from you – the community we serve. Please take a look at this and complete the short questionnaire using the link regarding what you would like to see as the school's wider offer to the community. Together we can! Thank you in advance for your time. Mrs. Waddington.

### Covid 19 Updates

Remember, symptoms of Covid 19 are:

1. New, continuous cough
2. High Temperature
3. Loss of, or change in, usual sense of smell and taste

In the event of symptoms developing children should remain off school until a test has taken place and results communicated with school. School and Trust protocol is to inform families if there has been a positive case in school – either pupil or staff. This will be communicated swiftly and with instruction, following Public Health guidance, of what needs to happen.

### Thank You Day

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July is 'Thank You Day' where people around the country will be saying thank you for those who have helped them over the last year. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July we will be making a giant thank you paper chain and each class will be having a Disco in the hall as a thank you party for being so brilliant and so resilient this last year. Party clothes at the ready!

### Summer Term Celebrations

With the extension of the government road map and our school guidelines remaining the same, unfortunately we are unable to invite families on site for summer celebrations. As ever though, we prioritise enrichment and enjoyment for our children and the following will be happening for all children in school over these final weeks, to make it as special and as fun as we can:

-Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - **Sports Day** for all children. **We ask children to wear something in their House colours for this day please.**

-**Year 5 Celebrations** (Y5 parents please see my letter attached for further details)

-Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July - **Careers Day**. We have some visits planned from people in a range of careers to talk to children. Please do get in touch if you could support in any way by coming to talk to a small group of children about your career.

-Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – **BFS Day of Fun!**: Ice creams, summer fair style games on the field, children's magic show, balloon modeling, children's entertainment and more!

### Outdoors – Summer Holiday Volunteer Working Party

During the first week of the summer holiday I am going to be donning my gardening gloves and clearing some space in the outdoor area for our allotment ready for September. I am also going to empty the old shed and have this taken down ready for the new one to be delivered and built in August. If anyone can offer any hours to help in any way during that week I would massively appreciate it. Just drop me an email or give me a call to let me know what days/times you could do. Thank you!

### Communication

<https://twitter.com/birdsedgefirst>

<https://www.facebook.com/BirdsedgeFirstSchool>

<https://birdsedgefirst.org>

### Friends of Birdsedge

There has been more amazing support from and for the group recently. Over £1100 was raised by the Dance-A-Thon and some summer treats have been planned including a disco, ice creams and a visit from a slush van for children. Here is a reminder of the group's page on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofbirdsedge>