



## July / End of Term 2022 Newsletter

### Keeping children safe and cool during the heatwave

The Met Office has issued an extreme weather warning for extreme heat on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday next week for our region.

School will remain open as normal, however we thought it would be best to let all parents and carers know what steps we are taking to keep children and staff cool during this heatwave:

- We will refrain from any vigorous, sustained activity during periods of extreme heat.
- We will allow children to have hydration breaks at regular intervals – please ensure your children have a refillable **WATER** bottle with them every day in school.
- We will keep monitoring all children and staff, for any adverse reaction to the heat.
- We will ensure that electrical devices are switched off to lessen the heat, when they are not needed.
- Children will be encouraged to sit in the shade when they are outside at break times.
- Indoor spaces at break times will be made available to children, should they need it.
- Windows and doors will be opened / kept ajar to maximise ventilation.
- Blinds will be kept closed to block out any direct sunlight.

It is extremely rare that we have extreme weather, especially of the sunny variety. The sun can be very dangerous for younger skin, so **PLEASE** ensure that you send your children to school with a **sun hat** and already covered in a **high factor sun cream**. Staff are not allowed to re-apply this – if children are able to do this for themselves, please send your children with sun cream.

For Monday and Tuesday only, we are suggesting that children come to school in their **SCHOOL PE kit** as this is lighter than our traditional school uniform, if they should wish to.

### Parent Open Afternoon

#### Tuesday 19 July - 2pm

We are inviting parents and carers into school to spend some time with the children to share their outcomes and achievements over the year.

This year, due to the heatwave and the growing numbers of children in the school, we are restricting visitors to one adult per family.

There will be two stalls in the library area for you to visit during the afternoon: the council is providing a huge plan of what our newly extended school will look like, with staff available to answer questions and offer explanations; and 'Compass Go' will also be attending so that you can find out about available services which provide support for children's mental health and well-being – particularly helpful if you are experiencing issues at home.

Entry into school at 2pm will be from two separate entry points, so please decide which child you will be visiting first, if you have more than one child in school:

For Robin, Chaffinch and Kingfisher Classes – please queue at the main office entrance door; for Owl, Kestrel and Eagles Classes, please queue at the green entrance gate at the rear of the staff car park. This will be locked again just after 2pm.

On arrival at your child's classroom door, you will be signed in and out on a register.

'Break out' areas will be available outdoors in the shade and in the corridor and hall.

You will be allowed to take home your children, if you finish early and sign them out from class, from the school main entrance only.

We kindly request that where possible, pushchairs and prams are left at home – we do understand the inconvenience of this, but please be aware that we are very restricted with space around school. We do appreciate your support in helping the afternoon to run smoothly. Please note that most children will be bringing home all of their year's work for you to keep, so please do not worry if you cannot make the date.

Please note: classrooms may be stripped already, due to building works.

### Diary Date Reminders / Next Term

Tues 19 July	Parent Open Afternoon 2pm
Fri 22 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am
Tues 26 July	Close for Summer Break 2.15pm
	Y6 Treat Day
Thurs 1 Sep	Children's Return Day 8.50 – 9am
Fri 14 Oct	Close for half-term 3.15pm
Mon 31 Oct	Children return to school
Fri 16 Dec	Close for Christmas at 2.15pm
Wed 4 Jan	Children return to school

