

Care, Collaboration, Challenge

Monday 26th April 2021

Dear Parent

Welcome to the summer term. It has been lovely to see how well the vast majority of children have returned to school after the Easter break. They have settled back into school routines very quickly and are working well.

Coronavirus Update

Quite a large number of children are arriving at school before their allotted time slot. I understand that the staggered start is inconvenient, however, I would be grateful if you would keep to the time given in order to ensure a safe start to the school day.

Surname	Start time	Finish time
S-Z	8.50am	3.20pm
A-I	9.00am	3.30pm
J-R	9.10am	3.40pm

As usual, the school bungalow will be used for polling day on Thursday 6th May. As the bungalow is completely separate from the school, there is no additional risk to your child during the school day. Please ensure that you keep to social distancing guidelines, especially if you are using the Key Stage 1 entrance at the side of the bungalow. If you prefer to avoid the bungalow entrance on polling day, the Lavenham Road gate will be open as usual, or feel free to use the other pedestrian entrance at the front of the school, come across the crossing and then along the path to the Key Stage 1 playground.

Parent Consultations

For those parents that have not yet had a phone consultation with their child's class teacher, please look out over the next few days for a letter with details of how to book a call.

Spring Special Booking Deadline

The last day to book meals for our Spring Special Day on Thursday 20th May, is Monday 10th May. There will be an opportunity for your child to win a prize if they have a school lunch on that day.

The Big Ask

Over the next few weeks your children will be given the opportunity, in school, to complete 'The Big Ask' questionnaire. This is a national survey for young people from 4-17, that has been created by The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza. She's keen to hear from young people about the things that make them happy, that worry them and that they would like to see in the future.

The survey is age appropriate. As the survey for 4-5 year olds also includes questions for parents, this would have to be completed at home, if you would like your child to participate. It only takes 5-10 minutes, and can be found at <u>https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/</u>

Sunscreen in School

As the weather gets better, I would like to remind you of our policy about the use of sunscreen during the school day. Preferably, parents should apply sunscreen before their child leaves for school. All day sunscreens are available. If your child needs to bring sunscreen to school to be reapplied during the day, the bottle must be clearly labelled with your child's name. We recommend using as high an SPF as possible.

Children are encouraged to apply their own sunscreen. Under no circumstances are children allowed to share their sunscreen with other children. Younger children will be supported by staff to apply their sunscreen.

Please ensure that your child has a sun hat. During outside activities, staff will ensure hats, appropriate clothing and sunscreen are all worn to help prevent sunburn.

Our full sun safety policy can be found on the school website.

Reporting a Child's Absence

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please contact the school office. Please continue to use Class Dojo to contact your child's class teacher if you need information regarding your child's learning/behaviour or if you have any concerns.

Breakfast and After School Club

Reminder – if your child attends breakfast or after school club without a place being booked for them, an additional £5 booking fee will be charged.

Yours faithfully

A. Willett