

Friday 16th July

Dear Parents/Carers

Sorry this letter is a long one. Please read carefully.

'Oh What a Year' was the title of the Year 6 play and my goodness how true is that. It has been a rollercoaster ride and we so very nearly made it to the end of summer term. Unfortunately this week due to positive cases, we had to close Nursery and Reception which was a reminder of the infection rates in and around the community.

At time of writing we are planning to open fully in September, getting back to 'normal.' The gates will open at 8.45am for all the children to come into class with school starting at 8.55am and finishing at 3.15pm for everyone. Hot lunches will also be served. As I am sure you can understand the goalposts continually change and if we have to make changes before the term starts I will contact you via text and the school website. School opens on **Wednesday 8th September for Years 1-6** and **Thursday 9th for Nursery and Reception** to allow for transition visits. Before and After School Club will begin on Wednesday 8th September and the Walking Bus on Monday 13th and both are now full.

I will add an update to the website week beginning 30th August.

It has been a tough year for everyone and whilst we have not always got it right I hope you appreciate how hard the whole staff have worked to ensure your children have remained happy, safe and engaged in their work over the last twelve months and beyond. Thank you for your patience when we got it wrong and your support when things went well. At times it has really been a struggle but it is heartening to see the community pulling back together in the right direction for our children.

The summer will continue to bring hardship for many and we can help. The school phone and email will be responded to if you need us. Also if you know of someone who may be struggling please let us know. Stretford Toy Library have donated food parcels that we can deliver. A discreet text, email or quiet word is enough.

It has been fabulous to be able to celebrate with Year 6 over the last few weeks in preparation for their leaving. Although we could not undertake most of our usual activities they have thoroughly enjoyed their last year in school. As always the whole staff have been tremendous.

Over the summer we are having major works in school and all the classrooms will be decimated as all the old pipe work and radiators are replaced. This work is much needed as we are constantly plagued with leaks.

This week the children have spent time with their new teachers in their rooms for September and I am delighted to announce two new teachers will be joining our team in September. Miss McNicholas will be teaching Year 3 and Miss Dineen Year 4/5. I am sure you will extend a very warm welcome to them both. Please see below for a full list of teachers and classes for next year.

Although here for a few days in September Mrs Butler will be taking maternity leave as she prepares for the birth of her third child. As a result Mrs Jackson will be taking the role of SENCO in her absence. I am sure you will join me in extending our very best and warm wishes to Mrs Butler.

Finally I would just like to wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday. Please join your prayers with mine that all is well in September and we can return back to normal! Also from us all can I say a huge thank to everyone for your kind gifts, words and feedback – it is really appreciated.

Dinner money next term will be £79.20 or £12 per week if you prefer.

Thank you for everything but particularly your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M Mountcastle', written in a cursive style.

M Mountcastle

Classes and Staff 2021/22

Nursery	Mrs Elsey/Miss Carr
Reception 1	Mrs Doherty
Reception 2	Mrs Breen
Year 1A	Mrs Atherton
Year 1S	Mrs Smith
Year 2D	Mrs Danby
Year 2/3M	Miss Moran
Year 3M	Miss McNicholas
Year 4	Mr Smith
Year 4/5	Miss Dineen
Year 5	Mrs Marshall
Year 6	Mrs Jones
Year 6	Mrs Evans