



It's already been a busy term!

We have had several visits from our colleagues from the Trust (following the guidelines in our risk assessment of course) who have been very impressed by your children and their behaviours for learning.

Regarding the ways schools have adapted and are having to work; **the way forward** is still uncertain, however as soon as we hear about any changes in restrictions or guidance we will respond and let you know.

As typically, our weather likes to present us with surprises we would like to remind you that should we have some more hot spells, we recommend that children have access to a **hat and sun protection** – named please AND coats for when the weather is frosty or rainy. We have reminded children to keep their belongings in the designated areas and it does help if **property is named**.

I am busy doing my forward planning for the **new academic year** – if there is anything which you feel I need to be aware of please pop in or drop me an email to let me know. As you know we put a great deal of thought into our planning and therefore prefer not to change plans once in place. Thank you.

Some families have accessed 'little sprouts' fresh fruit and vegetables; during this year and the group who organised this initiative are busy moving this forward to launch '**Yarm Wellness**' – who are able to provide food parcels for any families who feel they would benefit. Please contact us in confidence if you would like to access this offer.

The government launched their **period product scheme** some while ago and we have accessed our allocation of funding to purchase sanitary products for our pupils. Whilst we will always maintain a stock of these in school; if you would like us to provide these products for your daughter, as appropriate, please contact us and we will arrange this.

Thank you for supporting our **excellent attendance** (98%) – we really appreciate this and of course, your children benefit from good attendance.

I am not going to go into any detail in this newsletter about **safety** around our site, parking and respect for our neighbours, as I feel there is very little more I can say – we all know what we need to do and what is potentially at stake if we don't. Therefore, I thank you in anticipation for your support with this.

As you may be aware the **statutory assessment testing** (SAT's), which typically take place in early summer have been suspended in their usual form, due to the pandemic. This does not mean that the children in Y2 & Y6 will not have their outcomes assessed; as we will be relying on teacher assessment (which may be moderated by the Trust and local authority) – we do not currently know what this will look like or how it will be reported, but will let you know when we do.

Please note – changes to the academic year 21/22

Due to an additional bank holiday, which has been granted by the Government in order to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee, the local authority has amended the academic calendar for 2021/2022. The new calendar means that schools will return to school on 2nd September 2021 – which would mean that if we take the planned PDDay that children would be due to return on the Friday – not an ideal situation. Therefore, we have reorganised the scheduled PDDays to allow for children begin on a Monday.

The PDDays for next year are therefore:

1. Thursday 2nd September 2021
2. Friday 3rd September 2021
3. Friday 3rd December 2021
4. Monday 6th December 2021
5. Friday 1st July 2022

The academic year begins for the children on Monday 6th September 2021.

The academic year closes on Thursday 21st July 2022.

School is **closed on Monday 3rd May** for May day holiday – it will reopen again on **Tuesday 4th May**– we hope you enjoy the long weekend.

Keep safe.

Mrs Wood