



Dear Parents,

I write to you today as another extremely challenging school year draws to a close. First of all, I would like to express my appreciation for your patience, understanding and support as we have continued to navigate the unprecedented situation caused by the coronavirus pandemic. I would also like to pay tribute to our staff for the commitment and resolve they have continued to display in the face of the most difficult of circumstances.

With case numbers rising both nationally and locally and the remaining restrictions due to be lifted on Monday 19 July, we are heading into uncharted territory. Current government advice to schools is that staggered start and finish times and the bubble system will no longer need to operate from September. However, as no one (not even the scientists) can be certain what is going to happen over the next six weeks, I am reluctant to put arrangements in place now that I may have to reverse before the start of the new school year. Therefore, I intend to monitor the situation over the summer holiday period with a view to updating you closer to the start of the autumn term.

School will close for the summer holiday today. We return on **Thursday 2 September 2021**. I hope you all have an enjoyable break.

Take care and stay safe.

**Mr W. Kirtley (Headteacher)**

Please note the following:

## **STAFF UPDATE**

Mrs Griffiths, who has worked as a lunchtime supervisor at our school since September 2001, made the decision to move on from her post earlier this term. I would like to thank Julie for her contribution to our school over the years and I am sure you will join me in wishing her the best of luck for the future.

Miss Hardie returned from her maternity leave this week and it's been lovely to see her back in school.

As previously advised, there will be no change to the organisation of teaching staff from September 2021, which will remain as follows:

- Class 1 (Reception) – Miss Morgan
- Class 2 (Y1/2) – Miss Forth
- Class 3 (Y3/4) – Mrs Bradwell
- Class 4 (Y5/6) – Mrs Mowbray
- Miss Dodds – Y5 English & maths/intervention
- Miss Jewett – PPA cover

## **DINNER MONEY**

For parents paying for meals, please note the cost of a school dinner is increasing to £2.15 per day from September.

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2021-2022**

The table below provides an overview of our school holiday dates for the next academic year:

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Closing date</b>	<b>Reopening date</b>
Summer 2021	Friday 16 July 2021	Thursday 2 September 2021
Autumn half term 2021	Friday 22 October 2021	Monday 1 November 2021
Christmas 2021	Friday 17 December 2021	Wednesday 5 January 2022
Spring half term 2022	Friday 18 February 2022	Monday 28 February 2022
Easter 2022	Friday 8 April 2022	Monday 25 April 2022
May Day 2022	Friday 29 April 2022	Tuesday 3 May 2022
Summer half term 2022	Thursday 26 May 2022	Tuesday 7 June 2022
Summer 2022	Wednesday 20 July 2022	To be confirmed