



19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was exactly a year ago today, on 19th March 2020, that I wrote to you all announcing that we would have to close school for the majority of pupils. What a year it has been, but I am so pleased that we now have the children back with us and enjoying their time together in school.

We thank you for your continued co-operation in following the regulations in place and making a prompt departure from the school grounds after drop-off and pick-up. If you do need to drive to school, we ask that you always park in the side roads legally and with consideration to others' safety. Thank you.

Building Works

It is now that we can also start to look forward. This morning, in our live assembly, we were able to share with the children our plans to replace all the wooden play equipment on the playground and resurface the grounds in this area too. They were very excited to look at the design we have chosen and had lots of questions to ask. The work will happen in and around the May half-term break so everyone can enjoy the new equipment before the end of this academic year.

We have also been successful in our bid to County for capital funding to replace most of the windows and doors at school. This is a big project that will again take place during the summer term. Building work on this scale will inevitably bring with it some operational challenges but we will minimise the disruption as much as possible.

Parent consultations

Most parents have managed to log on and book an appointment for next week's parent consultations. Please do contact the office if you need any help with this. We hope you find the sessions useful in hearing how the children have settled back into school and key focus areas for them moving forwards.

Term dates

I know that many families are considering whether a holiday may be possible this year. Therefore, I thought it would be useful to confirm the term dates so that you can be clear when the children need to be in school. As you know we cannot authorise any holiday in term time.

School finishes next Friday 26th March at 1.30pm (for those classes starting at 08:45am) and 1.40pm (for classes starting at 09:00am). Nursery finishes on Thursday 25th March.

We return after the Easter break on Monday 12th April.

Early May Bank Holiday is on Monday 3rd May.

Half-term holiday is Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June.

We have one more INSET day planned for Friday 25th June.

Our occasional day has now been set as Monday 28th June.

We finish for the Summer on Thursday 22nd July at 1.30pm.

School will start back for the 2021/22 academic year on Thursday 2nd September 2021 (Wednesday 1st September will be an INSET day).

With best wishes

S. Barton

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