



Happy Easter!

I hope that everyone can enjoy some well-deserved rest over the Easter holiday - even if the weather is not so warm! This has been a challenging term for everyone but the resilience of the children continues to be strong.

It has been lovely to see the sun this week and the children have been able to enjoy playing on the school field again. After the holiday, we would like to be able to use the playgrounds and the field at the same time so that the children can have more time outside at lunchtimes.

We are all hoping that, during the summer term, we will be able to ease some of the restrictions which we have in place at school. This will only take place when we receive guidance from the Department for Education that it is safe to do so for our children, staff and families. I am aware that some schools in the Rushmoor area are planning to start combining class bubbles to make year group bubbles when the children are outside. We will do this when we are able to but at the moment, the DfE are still asking us to keep bubble sizes 'as small as possible.'

We have started to 'pencil in' some dates for events which could take place if restrictions are eased. At the moment, we don't know whether they will take place and if they can, how they might be organised. I will, of course, update you about any changes that can be made but when we return after the holiday, all arrangements will be the same as they are now.

Wishing you, and your families, a safe and happy Easter!



Staffing Update

Huge congratulations to Miss Young who will be getting married during the holiday. She was due to be married last year and her wedding has been booked, cancelled and re-booked more times than she can remember! We know that her wedding will be very special and we look forward to welcoming her back as Mrs Bowler.

Unfortunately, we have said goodbye to Mrs Woodhead this week. She has needed to leave us for family reasons and has needed to make this difficult decision at very short notice. We all wish her the very best of luck for the future and thank her for the lovely books which she has given to the children.

DIARY DATES

New dates / updates in yellow

Fri 16 th April	Notification of Year 3 places for Sept 2021
Mon 19 th April	School reopens for Summer 1
Thur 22 nd April	Earth Day
Mon 3 rd May	BANK HOLIDAY
W/b Mon 17 th May	Year 6 residential trip to Wales
Thur 20 th May	The Wavell School – Year 6 transition visit
W/b 24 th May	International Week
Fri 28 th May	Finish for half term @ 3:25pm
Mon 7 th June	INSET DAY – school closed
Tues 8 th June	School reopens for Summer 2
Tues 8 th June	Class photos and Year 6 Leavers' photos
Tues 22 nd June	Calthorpe Park – Year 6 transition visit
Thur 24 th June @ 6pm	Year 2 Parents' Meeting (for entry into Year 3 September 2021)
Thur 1 st July	Common Transition Day Children visit their new schools /classes
Fri 2 nd July	Sports Day
W/b 5 th July & 12 th July	Year 6 Bikeability Courses
7 th & 8 th July	Year 6 Induction Days – The Wavell School & Yateley School
Fri 9 th July	Summer Fair / end of year picnic / or something!!
16 th – 18 th July	Year 4 residential trip to Calshot
Wed 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers' events
Thur 22 nd July @1:30pm	School closes for the summer holiday
Fri 23 rd July	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Thur 2 nd Sep	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Fri 3 rd Sept	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Mon 6 th Sept	School reopens for Autumn term
Thur 16 th Sept	Individual & sibling school photos

Happy Birthday!

Sofia 8, Jayden 9, Ryson & Keyara 11 years old tomorrow

Archie - 9 years old on Saturday 3rd

Oliver 8 & Sam 11 years old on Sunday 4th

Daniel - 9 years old on Monday 5th

Sophia - 10 years old on Tuesday 6th

Kai - 11 years old on Wednesday 7th

Texas 8, Rhamell 10 & Sarp 11 years old on Thursday 8th

Callum 8, Stephanie 9 & Isaac 10 years old on Friday 9th

Isla - 9 years old on Monday 12th

Mathew - 9 years old on Tuesday 13th

Zachary 8 & Macey 11 years old on Friday 16th

Madison - 11 years old on Sunday 18th

Esmee & Oliver 10 & Finley 11 years old on Tuesday 20th

Loghan 8, Carys 9 & Lewis 10 years old on Thursday 22nd

Matthew 9 & Isobel 10 years old on Saturday 24th

Thank you Morrisons

Thank you to Mrs Lee and the staff at Morrisons for their generous book hamper. The children will be able to borrow the books from our school library after the holiday.



School Uniform Change

There have been many changes to the way we have organised our school over the last year. One of these has been a change to our school uniform on PE days. Asking children to come to school on their two PE days, in their PE kit, has had many benefits and so, in consultation with our governors, we have decided to change our Uniform Policy so that this continues permanently.

From September, the children will have two 'uniforms', one for PE days and one for non-PE days. On PE days, the children will come to school in their PE kit which will include their coloured t-shirt and a Cove Junior School Sweatshirt.

The sweatshirts are dark grey and include the school logo - they are being produced by Brenda's Schoolwear and will be on sale from May. While we have a sample in school, we do not yet have a photo to add to our Uniform Policy.

Advantages:

~ No lost PE kits so no unnecessary costs to parents replacing items

~ Parents can see when children have grown out of PE kit items

~ No time lost during the school day for changing into PE kits so more time for physical activities and exercise

~ Some children do not like changing their clothes at school. This anxiety is removed

~ Fewer items of 'normal' uniform need to be purchased

~ Children will look smarter on PE days as they will have a consistent uniform on these days too

Disadvantages:

~ Additional cost of the new sweatshirt.

However, it replaces the need to wear a 'normal' sweatshirt on two days each week. Support for families with financial difficulties can be provided by contacting the school office.

Red Nose Day

Thank you everyone for your support - we raised an amazing £585.39 (including the sale of Red Noses)

Golden Ticket Winners – Merlin Class

Congratulations to Seb, Aiden, Serenity, Amelia, Ollie and Lucy for being selected for a Golden Ticket lunch today. They were chosen for: playing nicely and always having fun; being polite and encouraging other children to join in games; being kind, cheerful and helpful to others; being a positive role model; and showing kindness and consideration. It was a pleasure to spend time with them all today!



Parking in Birchett Road

Unfortunately, we have received another complaint from a resident in Birchett Road regarding the car parking by parents before and after school hours.

"A number of your parents park on the grass verges outside the properties of Birchett Road. Unfortunately I was left without my gas supply for four days as my mains supply runs underneath one of these verges. It's since been repaired, however, the ground has sunk again and I am worried about the pipe cracking again from the weight of cars. I would like to kindly ask that parents prevent from parking on these grass verges and respect that a loss of supply is very inconvenient."

Please ask the office for a pass to park in Blunden Hall if this would help you to avoid parking in Birchett Road.

Year 6 Evacuee Day

Thank you to all of the children for their amazing effort to celebrate our learning about World War 2. They did research about the clothing worn and the rations allowed to help them make their lunch. We started the day travelling on a 'train' and were billeted around the country. The day was spent completing different activities and playing games from the 1940's.

