

# Newsletter



## Summer term

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**30th April 2021**



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all enjoyed the lovely Easter break, which seems like a distant memory now, and found a bit of time for relaxation with your families,

The children have all been very busy since we returned to school and are enjoying their new topics which include Once Upon a Time, The Seaside, Weather Experts, Rainforests, Modern Europe and Earth Matters.

In our assembly last week, Year 6, Kestrels class, proudly shared their examples of the Earth which they had created using plasticine, showing and naming all the different layers. Year 2 had used their Forest School sessions to create shelters for teddies as part of their weather topic and Year 1 have started creating their lighthouses to accompany the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch story.

We held our parent consultations over the last couple of weeks and I am really pleased with the positive feedback that we have received. It has been mentioned on a few occasions that parents would definitely prefer not to have to embark on remote learning any more moving forward! We hope that we don't have to either, but we are satisfied that, if the need arises, we can adapt our teaching and provide a full and varied curriculum for your children.

Attendance at school has been fabulous, thank you! Mrs Coe, who tracks attendance throughout the school, was extremely pleased to report that every child was in school on Thursday last week! Well done everyone.

We are very proud to announce that we have been awarded the Bronze Modeshift Stars Award for school in recognition of all the active travel activities that we take part in. This includes walk to school week, scooting and cycling to school, cycle training and the active rewards we use as incentives in school. Well done and thank you for supporting our active lifestyles.

Kind regards

Mrs Headland

### **Free School Meals**

If your family circumstances have changed you may be entitled to claim for Free School Meals. If you would like an application form please ask at the school office. Thank you



### **Food donations**

If you are finding you are struggling in these unprecedented times please get in touch with Mrs Chesters-Lewis via the school office.

We have been given some food items donated from a local supermarket that we can pass on to you. Thank you.



### **Diary Dates**

**3rd May**- May Bank Holiday school closed

**4th May**- Class photos Reception to Year 6

**28th May**- Last day before half term break





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### Absences

If your child is going to be off school please ensure that you phone in to the office on **each day of their absence before 9.15am.**



There is an option when you call in to leave a message on the answerphone, which is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, if you choose this option please state your child's name, class and reason for their absence. Alternatively you are more than welcome to phone in and speak to the office directly. Can we please remind you that if your child is absent from school for 3 days or more you may be asked to provide medical evidence to support their absence this can be in the form of a doctors text message or appointment card ,copy of prescription , consultant letter etc.

### Attendance

A big well done to Owls class last week with 100% attendance and to Woodpeckers class this week with 99.3.



Whole school attendance is 97.1% but we are aiming for 98%!