



# Newsletter



## Summer term

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**14th May 2021**



Dear Parents and Carers.

The children have enjoyed their activities this week to mark Mental Health Week with a theme of Connecting to Nature. They have been encouraged to independently connect with the natural environment through a range of activities including mindfulness, cloud watching, making dream catchers, observational drawing and exploring habitats in our grounds.

Children in Year 2-6 have taken part in a TT Rock-stars competition in school. They have all done really well with their knowledge and speed! Across the school the class winners-1st place-Ospreys, 2nd place-Kingfishers and 3rd place- Eagles. Individual winners-1st place-Efe, 2nd place-Abbie and 3rd place Fletcher. Well done everyone, fantastic efforts!

The decision was made a couple of years ago to change the timings of the school day here at Cotton End Forest School. This amendment was for the school day to finish at 1.30pm on a Friday to support the well-being of children and staff. Can I please remind you that Friday is still a full day for attendance with two attendance marks given for pupils, one morning and one afternoon registration, therefore, if your child is absent on a Friday it will impact considerably on their attendance.

Can we please remind you that we have allowed children to come to school in PE kit on their allocated PE days, during this pandemic, to reduce items coming in and out of school. It is important that children wear the correct kit, football shirts, fancy legging and inappropriate shoes are not permitted. We want the children to enjoy and get the very best from our PE sessions and they need to wear the correct kit in order to do that. A reminder-PE kit is a white T shirt (plain or school logo only), plain shorts or joggers, (black or navy only) and trainer or plimsolls.

Kind regards

Karen 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.



Feeding the Community

### **Diary Dates**

**20th May**- Census day- menu change

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

**7th June**- First day back to school following 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 99.2% attendance and to Ospreys class this week with 99.2% Whole school attendance is 97.1% but we are aiming for 98%!



### Important information

We have several children in school with nut allergies. Please can we remind you that we are nut free school. If your child brings any items into school that contain nuts in any form such as Nutella, cereal bars etc this will be returned unopened to you. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.



### Census day menu 20th May 2021

Beef Burger in a Bun

Or

Quorn Burger in a Bun

Chips



Sweetcorn

Or

Baked Beans

Vanilla Ice Cream

Or

Shortbread



### Polite reminder

The disabled spaces in the front car park are for blue badge holders only. If you do not have a blue badge to display in your windscreen please use the large car park to the side of the school, even if it is raining!!! Thank you.

