



# Newsletter

## Summer Term

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### 29th April 2022



Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you all enjoyed the lovely Easter break with your families.

The summer term has got off to a flying start and already the children are enjoying their new topics of Once Upon a Time (Reception), Let's Build (yr1), Ready Steady, Grow (yr 2) Healthy Me (yr3), Habitats (yr4), Earth and Space (yr5) and Game of Survival (yr6).

Last Friday was an exciting day for all of the children and staff because we were able to have a whole school celebration assembly together in the hall for the first time since lockdown. It was lovely to share everyone's achievements face to face instead of the virtual assemblies of the last couple of years.

As part of our very busy curriculum it has been a pleasure to welcome the music from Bedford Borough team back into school this term and hear Kingfishers learning the Djembe drums and Ospreys playing ukuleles. We are looking forward to seeing an end of term performance from them.

Could I please remind you that I am unable to authorise any holiday in term time. I have received several requests and although I completely understand the importance of getting back to normal and catching up with lost experiences, taking the children out of school is really detrimental to their learning. Our staff are working really hard to ensure that your children are catching up with their learning after the disruption of the last couple of years and need to have the children in school to help them achieve well. If your requests are essential, could you please avoid the first three weeks of May as this is a really important assessment time in school. Many thanks.

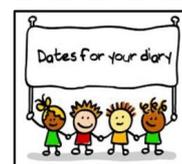
In school we teach the children about healthy eating and encourage the children to eat fruit snacks at break time and drink water throughout the day; we provide them with their own water bottle for school. Please do not send drink bottles from home with squash in as any spills make the tables sticky and unpleasant.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Headland

### Diary Dates

- 4th May—Class Photos
- 9th May—Yr6 SATs begin
- 16th May—Yr2 Quizzes begin
- 19th May—Census Day special menu
- 25th May—KS2 Faith Tour (letter to follow)
- 26th May—Jubilee special menu
- 27th May—Last day of half term
- 6th June—Bank holiday, School closed



### Attendance

A big well done to Kingfishers class this week with 98.7% attendance and Kingfishers and Skylarks last week with 98.9%. The whole school attendance is 94.9% but we are aiming for 98%!



### Old Ink Cartridges

#### Recycle4Charity.

Please feel free to bring your old ink cartridges into school to post in our recycle box and turn them into money for the school.



### Class Photos

Please be reminded that we have class photos scheduled for Wednesday next week (4th May). Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform. Summer uniform is authorised.

**IMPORTANT:** If you would **NOT** like your child to be included in these group photos, please inform the office by Tuesday next week.



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### Special Menu for Census Day

Burger/Cheeseburger served with wedges  
Macaroni cheese served with garlic bread  
Jacket potato with a choice of toppings  
Ham Flatbread

Beans/Sweetcorn or salad

Fresh fruit  
Lolly



### Special Platinum Jubilee Picnic Menu

Coronation chicken  
Ham

OR

Creamy cheese with cucumber in a soft white roll.

Sausage pastry twirl OR Vegetarian sausage pastry twirl

Salad batons,

Cherry shortbread OR Jewel coloured Ice Lolly



### Dawn Until Dusk

For those parents who require wrap around care, Dawn until Dusk are open from 7.30am each morning and until 6pm every weekday including Fridays. There is a large variety of crafts, toys, games and outside play each session. A light tea is provided free of charge for those children who stay later. Dawn until Dusk also provide school holiday care at various locations. For more details please contact the club manager Carolyn on 07833 207070.



### Lunchtime News

Our midday supervisors have been having lots of fun with the children at lunch times playing lots of different group games, skipping, dancing to music, chasing bubbles etc. It's so lovely to see playtime activities returning and the children really enjoying themselves.



### Battery Recycling.

As a school we are participating in Duracell's big battery hunt. This gives you as parents an easy way to recycle your batteries and help the environment. You can bring your batteries to the school office for recycling. Thank you for your support.



### Medicines in School

Please do not send any non prescribed medicines direct with your child into school i.e. cough sweets, pain relief (Calpol), cold remedies etc. We can only have and administer **prescribed medicines where the dose is 4 times a day in school.** Children are not permitted to bring in any medicines in school without a signed Parental consent form (available in the office).

