



MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

	Closing Date	Re - Open
Summer half-term 2021	Friday 28 th May 2021	Monday 7 th June 2021
Summer 2021	Tuesday 20 th July 2021	Thursday 2 nd September 2021

Reception and Nursery Places – September 2021

Reception places were announced in the Easter holidays. We currently have places available in our Reception class starting in September. If you know a family considering a school place for their child or who might like to admit their child to our wonderful school, please ask them to contact us. Our Nursery also has availability for children starting in September 2021. Contact the office for information.

St Georges day money – On our non-uniform day we raised £111.70 for our school. Thank you so much to our kind and generous families. Look out for our Super Summer Raffle coming soon to raise money for school funds.

Child's Details

Please can you ensure your child's address, contact telephone numbers, medical and dietary details are up to date.

Reporting Absence

Please can you inform us via email or telephone if your child is going to be absent before 9.30am. You should report your child's absence everyday they are absent. If they have sickness and/or diarrhoea and they must remain at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Even though we are slowly heading out of lockdown, the Coronavirus is still out there.

If your child is unwell and does present with any of the coronavirus symptoms, please do not send them to school. If symptoms persist, they must have a PCR test. If anyone in your family or bubble is being tested for the virus, please ensure your child stays at home until the results are through.

Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Outdoor clothing

Could all parents and carers ensure that all children come to school with a suitable outdoor coat as we are outside in all weathers.

Hopefully, the warmer weather is coming soon and all children must come to school wearing sun hats and sun cream to practice sun safety.

Deaf Awareness Week is Tuesday 4th

May – Sunday 9th May. In school to raise deaf awareness and support our HI pupils, we have been celebrating in school with various activities.

For Top tips on being deaf aware please see attached sheet from our fabulous Hearing Impaired team.



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Oxford Owl

Last week, all of our families should have received letters explaining about Oxford Owl and sponsor forms to raise money for our fantastic new reading scheme. Mrs Matthews our Literacy co-ordinator with other staff have spend a considerable amount of time, effort and money to select books for our children to read and enjoy at home. Our aim is for parents and carers to support our children and to come with us on this journey and let's get all of our children reading regularly and enjoying it.

Our sponsored read began on Monday 3rd May and will end on Friday 14th May. We hope to raise money to support the scheme by way of a sponsored read for the children to take part in. This will enable our children to enjoy the pleasure of reading and to raise money to support and grow our collection of books.

PE Timetable Summer Term 1

Monday – Y4/5 & Y6

Tuesday – R/Y1, Y3/4 & Y4/5

Wednesday – Y1/2 & Y6

Thursday – Y1/2

Friday – Y3/4 & Nursery

Skipping Week

In our summer term as part of our PE curriculum and getting active, our children will be taking part in skipping week from Monday 10th – Friday 14th May.

As restrictions begin to lift we look forward to enjoying lessons with Durham and Chester Le Street School Sports Partnership again.

Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents, Here we are in the final term of the year and our year six students preparing for their transition to Secondary school. It's hard to believe we are at this point and I know some of year six feel the year is going too quickly. We will be really sorry to see them leave us in July but know they will do really well in their new schools. It has been a challenging few month's for everyone and I have to admit the children have all returned and settled back into school life with your help. I hope you are all well and continue to keep safe now some of the restrictions have been lifted.

I continue to be around Monday Mornings, Tuesday Mornings and all day Thursday if anyone wants to get in touch. Enjoying the half term holidays when they arrives. Go gently and stay well. *Lily*

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

I would like to thank you for your support on St George's day and hope that you will encourage your child to take part in our sponsored reading event. Reading is so important as it allows your child to all areas of the curriculum and explore their own hobbies and interests.

As restrictions lift, we hope to be able to start planning some COVID safe educational visits again for the second part of the summer term; please look out for those developments. (Let's hope that the weather warms up a bit)

Kind Regards
Mark Turner



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Deaf Awareness Top Tips

Some deaf people speak, some use sign language and some use both.

Make sure your face can be seen clearly and the person is ready to listen.

Be aware of background noise

Stand still and speak one at a time in a group.

Speak normally - shouting and whispering don't help.

Put space between yourself and the person.

Have the light on your face.

Repeat or write things down if needed.

Speak clearly, but don't exaggerate your lip patterns.

Use facial expressions to match what you say.

Gently tap or wave to attract attention.



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