



NEWSLETTER NO 10 – Friday 28th May 2021

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Summer 2021	Monday 19 April	Friday 28 May	Half Term	Tuesday 8 June	Wednesday 21 July
Autumn 2021	Thursday 2 September	Friday 22 October		Tuesday 2 November	Friday 17 December
Spring 2022	Wednesday 5 January	Friday 18 February		Tuesday 1 March	Friday 8 April
Summer 2022	Monday 25 April	Friday 27 May		Tuesday 7 June	Thursday 21 July

Inset Days: 7 June 2021, 1 September 2021, 1 November 2021, 4 January 2022, 28 February 2022, 6 June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

No doubt you have also found the sunshine a welcome change and long may it continue!

We have delayed this edition of the newsletter in the hope of including as much of the latest information as possible before we break for half term. Progress against the Government Roadmap remains unclear as schools are non-the-wiser about the extent to which restrictions may or may not lift come June 21st. That said we want to continue our optimistic 'can do' approach and therefore include below some provisional dates for school and village events.

Sports Day 2021

We are proposing a primary date of Friday 9th July with a reserve date of Friday 16th July. A letter is attached giving as much information as we can at this point.

Wingrave Village Fete

The village Fete is planned for Sunday 11th July, 12.00pm until 4.00pm and will be confirmed as soon as possible. The school have been invited to open the fete with some singing, however due to restrictions we do not have a specific choir or group to do this. Neil Gurney has kindly offered to support a group rehearsing for this event and we will then manage logistics based on the interest from the children. We obviously want to put on a polished performance for the village and therefore we will be looking for children to commit to weekly rehearsals during the school day as soon as possible after half term. Please discuss this opportunity with your children and we will provide specific details and a letter to those interested after the holiday.

Attendance & Punctuality

With so many interruptions to the children's learning this year, attendance and punctuality continues to be very important so that we can make the most of the children's remaining time in school. Please can we remind you that every effort should be made to get the children to school every day and on time. Teachers are already prioritising and planning to ensure the children get as much curriculum coverage as possible and learning begins as soon as they enter the classroom. Children who are late and/or absent often feel more worried and self-conscious because they have missed important lessons, activities or valuable time with their friends. Whilst we will do our utmost to catch children up who have been unwell, this then limits the impact staff can have on the rest of their class. Unless guided by Covid-19 procedures or suffering from sickness and diarrhoea, we would encourage all children feeling under the weather to do their best and come into school. If your child is then unable to engage in learning effectively due to how they are feeling, despite encouragement from staff, we will contact you. Finally, please remember there is no longer a drop-off window on arrival in the mornings, all children are expected to be ready to enter school at either 8.45am (Years 1 to 4) or at 8.50am (EYFS, Years 5 & 6). Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sibling Supervision

Please can we remind parents to supervise their children closely at drop-off and collection times. We have had several incidents where flowers and trees have been damaged and drains being blocked with pebbles and sticks. Whilst we can reinforce with the children in school about looking after and taking pride in their school and the environment, we ask for your support in having the same expectations of the younger siblings. As this is primarily an issue in the area at the front of school, we would ask EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 parents to be specifically be aware especially with the added risk over car park traffic. Thank you.

Competition winners

A huge well done to Alex (Year 6) for winning first prize in the Beethoven Birthday Card competition and a special mention to our runners up, Jasmine and Jessica (Year 2) who wrote the cards in German. Very creative ideas all round so thank you to everyone who took part.

Sex & Relationships Education (SRE)

As you may remember, PSHE & SRE became a statutory curriculum requirement in 2020 but understandably coverage was impacted due to the pandemic. Each year in the second half of the summer term, classes address year-group specific aspects of biology and puberty at an age-appropriate level, culminating in coverage of human reproduction in Year 6. More than ever, due to media exposure, we want to ensure that our pupils are able to explore this learning in a safe and supportive environment and are therefore prepared to be healthy and confident adults. Due to the nature of the lessons, and in order to give parents the opportunity to have conversations with their children beforehand, we always write to parents to inform them of when these lessons will happen and said letters will be provided to Years 2 to 6 today. Whilst the scientific content of these lessons is statutory, we understand that different families approach said topics differently and therefore, if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything with the school, please contact me or the office.

Headlice - Please check your child's hair today!

Unfortunately a number of children have again been found with headlice in their hair. Could parents please ensure that all children (girls and boys) with hair long enough to be tied back have the means to do so throughout the school day. It is very easy for headlice to transfer between pupils with the close contact that they have in class. Headlice aren't fussy, they like both clean and dirty hair, so it is therefore important that you make **regular weekly checks for nits or lice**. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS	Molly, Melissa, Bradley, Logan, Peyton, Oliver F	Year 3	Grace B, Elliott, Teddy, Elijah, Zach, Leo
Year 1	Harper, Reyaan, Matilda, Tiara, Ted	Year 4	Ethan, Tyler, Frankie, Elsie-Jane, Theo, Olivia S
Year 2	Ted, Freddie F, William, Holly, Elsa, Izzy	Year 5	Connie, Gracie, Luke, Henry, Harry, Emily St
		Year 6	Iudita, Jake, Max, Alex Mc, Kartik, William

EU Settlement Information from Buckinghamshire Council

With the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) application deadline (30th June) fast approaching, the Home Office would remind parents, families and young people that if they are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, they and their family members may be eligible to apply to the Settlement Scheme.

It is crucial that eligible parents apply to the Scheme themselves and check whether they need to do so on behalf of their children. Eligible children are required to have an application in their own right and no child of any age is covered by a parent's application to the EUSS. There's [more information on this here on GOV.UK](#).

To provide additional guidance, a very clear EUSS [leaflet](#) has been produced by the University of Liverpool, in partnership with the Home Office. It has been designed with children in mind and is intended to support both children and parents with information to help them apply to the EUSS. A set of accompanying [FAQs](#) are available too.

Eligible parents are encouraged to apply on behalf of themselves and their children. A list of organisations providing additional EUSS guidance and information is available [here](#). Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online at www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme, where you can also find out more information about how to apply.

Buckinghamshire Council Send Newsletter

Please follow the link below for the latest newsletter.

<https://mailchi.mp/buckinghamshire/buckinghamshire-send-newsletter-1870430?e=ae9057893e>

PTFA Update

Please see the link below for news in the Leighton Buzzard Observer of our PTFA's fundraising achievements.

<http://www.leightonbuzzardonline.co.uk/news/people/how-ptfa-at-school-near-leighton-buzzard-has-managed-an-extraordinary-year-of-fundraising-despite-the-pandemic-3249882>

Smarties challenge - all children will have brought home a Smarties tube today. Once the sweets have been enjoyed, please fill the tube with coins and return to school by 11th June. All money raised goes to the PTFA with a class treat for the class that raises the most money.

SmartRaspberry Cookery Club

The Year 5 and 6s have been having fun at the Smart Raspberry after school cookery club learning new skills such as chopping vegetables for chicken quesadillas and making a dough for chocolate chip cookies. Would you like to know the difference between banana cake and banana bread? Why don't you come and find out by joining us for a free trial week! **Thursdays at 3.20pm finishes at 4.30pm**. Over the coming weeks we will be making rosemary crackers, blueberry muffins, cheese and onion rolls, veggie pasta bake, summer fruit cobbler and tuna fishcakes. To book onto the free trial, please copy and paste this address in your web browser:

https://portal.smartraspberry.com/Classes/Course+Details/?course_id=918



Banana Cake



Rosemary Crackers



Summer Fruit Cobbler



Tuna Fishcakes

Tilly, Connie and Imogen, Year 5 - every Thursday after school, we make delicious savoury and sweet snacks. Our teacher is very helpful and is great at explaining what to do. Recently, we have made cookies, chicken kia, banana cake and rosemary cream crackers.

Freddie & Jake, Year 6 - the cookery club has been very enjoyable and we've learnt a lot about baking and preparing meals, whilst having lots of fun. So far we have made some delicious chocolate-chip cookies, an amazing chicken quesadilla and banana cake. They all turned out perfectly?

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DATES FOR THE DIARY (New items or amendments in bold)

31 May – 4 Jun	HALF TERM
7 Jun	INSET DAY
8 Jun	Children return to school
11 Jun	PTFA Smarties challenge deadline
28 Jun – 2 Jul	Year 5 & 6 Residential trip
6 & 7 Jul	Year 6 secondary transition days
8 Jul	Years 3 & 4 Southend trip
9 Jul	Sports Day
11 Jul	Wingrave Village Fete
12 Jul	Annual reports to parents
14 Jul	Last Year 3 swimming lessons
15 Jul	Last Smart Raspberry cookery club
16 Jul	Reserve Sports Day
19 Jul	EYFS Herrings Farm & Bird of Prey Centre trip
