



NEWSLETTER NO 11 – Tuesday 3rd May 2022

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Summer 2022	Monday 25 April	Friday 27 May	Half Term	Tuesday 7 June	Wednesday 20 July
Autumn 2022	Monday 5 September	Friday 21 October		Tuesday 1 November	Tuesday 20 December
Spring 2023	Thursday 5 January	Friday 10 February		Tuesday 21 February	Friday 31 March
Summer 2023	Monday 17 April	Friday 26 May		Tuesday 6 June	Friday 21 July

Inset Days: 6 June 2022, 31 October 2022, 4 January 2023, 20 February 2023, 5 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of this action-packed summer term. No doubt we are all in for a confusing week starting on a Tuesday - although very nice to have the extended weekend!

For the first time in a number of years our new intake for September is completely full and we are expecting 30 new children to join us following the summer holiday. With so many school choices in the area, this is a great achievement so thank you to everyone for making the local and school community what it is.

As we enjoy our return to normality, there is a great deal planned over the coming months and we have tried to set out the dates included ahead of time to give parents maximum notice. This however can sometimes cause complications if obstacles or additional opportunities arise but we will endeavour to stick to these published dates.

Redwood Reward Day

Redwood House have successfully filled their housepoint tube and will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on Thursday 5th May - congratulations, Redwood!

PTFA Thanks & Computing Resources

A massive thank you to our PTFA and everyone's support of the Scarecrow Festival over the weekend - so many amazing, creative ideas! The PTFA have just contributed over £4000 towards Computing/IT resources this term so we are able to keep up-to-date with all the latest technology. We will be introducing new programmable gadgets and kits throughout the school and across all ages including bots, Micro-bits and the latest Lego system, Spike. Over time this will provide the children with the chance to programme physical and virtual devices and grasp the basics of computer programming - a vital part of the curriculum and a crucial taste of future career opportunities. Thank you to our PTFA for making such a purchase on this scale possible.

Year 5 & 6 Young Voices Concert

Today and tonight, members of Year 5 & 6 will be travelling to Birmingham to take part in the Young Voices arena event; thousands of primary pupils and staff will form a huge choir to sing and perform together. We wish them all the best for the concert and thank you to the parents and staff for supporting this after so much uncertainty. A special mention to Mr Pilbeam who has worked with the classes since November learning the many songs, routines and actions for the performance. There are a number of parents who we know are unable to attend the concert tonight and we will be organising an opportunity to share a few songs from the programme with you in school in the near future.

Financial Circumstances

We are very aware that recent rises in living and energy costs will impact our school families in different ways. With various school trips and next year's Year 5 & 6 Residential in the pipeline we want to make sure that all children have to opportunity to take part in all school experiences and want to support the community every way possible. As is always highlighted on our trip letters, if anyone has financial concerns they should please feel they can come and talk to me about it. There are funds available to schools to help in such cases and we are also able to appeal to the local church and area charities for their support. I appreciate that this is a sensitive matter but please be assured that all conversations will be handled in a discreet and supportive manner.

Assessments

Information has already been provided regarding the KS1 (w/c May 16th) and KS2 (w/c 9th May) SATs with further detail to follow for the Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics screening. Although school attendance is always important, it is especially important the children attend school consistently, whilst having plenty of early nights and healthy breakfasts so they can be fresh, sharp and ready to show off their best learning. Whether or not we agree with the national assessment system or not, it does ultimately help us to see how the children have progressed and reflects on the school's performance.

Learning Discussions - Summer Term

The summer term Learning Discussion appointments will be taking place on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th May; these will take place in person but be booked online in the usual fashion. Following the success of the open classroom event before Easter, Learning Discussions will continue to be based in classrooms with another Open Classroom opportunity later this term. Appointments will open for booking tomorrow, Wednesday 4th May, from 8.00pm and close at midday on Friday 13th May (<https://wingrave.schoolcloud.co.uk/>).

WaterAid

Thank you for your support once again helping to raise funds for Water Aid. This year was raised £215.35. This money will be handed over to the Church for processing.

Mr M Tomson
Headteacher

Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS	Digby, Jack, Reggie, Hashie, Jenson, Victor	Year 3	William, Ted, Alby, Freddie F, Lily, Ellie
Year 1	Jack, Bradley, Logan, Thomas C, Jacob	Year 4	Chloe, Finn, Evie, Teddy, Ruby, Matty
Year 2	Bethany, Alfred, Autumn, Tyler, Harper	Year 5	Livie, Samantha, Isobel, Ruth, Elsie-Jane, Alfie
		Year 6	Gracie, Imogen, Emily St, Lola, Benjamin

Congratulations to Finley in Year 3, Man or the Match at a recent Year 3&4 Game On football festival.

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

3 May	Years 5 & 6 Young Voices concert
5 May	Redwood House reward non-uniform day
w/c 9 May	KS2 SATs week
w/c 9 May	No drumming or guitar lessons due to SATs
w/c 16 May	KS1 SATs
12 May	Deadline for PTFA Father's Day gifts
17 & 19 May	Learning Discussions, 3.30-6.30pm
19 May	EYFS Crocodiles of the World trip
27 May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee lunch street party – children & staff only
w/c 30 May	HALF TERM
6 June	INSET DAY
7 June	Children return to School
9 June	Years 1 & 2 Oxford Castle trip
13 June	Year 6 Houses of Parliament trip
17 June	Sports Day – fully details in due course
21 June	Class photographs
24 June	Reserve Sports Day
29 June	Years 5 & 6 Globe Theatre/Tate Modern trip
4 July	Years 1 & 2 Medieval day
5 July	In school Transition day
5 & 6 July	Year 6 Transition days
