



May Newsletter 2021

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We are very pleased with how the majority of children have settled back into learning over the last 3 weeks since the Easter holidays; it has been very uplifting to see their smiling faces in classes and their greetings on the gate at the start of the school day!

Writing Competition

Several of our children took part in an external 500 word story writing competition entitled 'A Changing World' as part of their remote learning earlier this year. Two of our year 6 children received a top 10 accolade (Jack and Dylan), with Jack winning 2nd place for his story and winning a book voucher and some books. Congratulations Jack!

Photographs

We hope you were delighted with your child's school photograph - you are still able to order prints directly from the company, if you haven't already done so.

Parent's Evenings

We have had a good attendance at our 'Virtual' parent's evenings over the last two evenings and the feedback received has been very positive. If you haven't contacted your child's class teacher already, please contact them to arrange a telephone appointment as we value the parent's role in education and always aim for 100% contact.

The Daily Mile <https://thedailymile.co.uk/>

Over the last few weeks, our Sports Council has introduced 'The Daily Mile' to their year groups across school. We are delighted that the majority of children have now taken the opportunity to walk, jog, skip, run and sprint each day to achieve their Daily Mile. We hope this will continue, as we are all aware of the benefits this will have in creating a healthy lifestyle for future generations.

PE kit

Please could I remind you that children should come to school in a suitable PE kit on their allocated days - dark coloured shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms, with a plain white t-shirt, and a school sweatshirt or dark-coloured sweatshirt for cooler days please. Some children are arriving in 'cropped' t-shirts but these are not practical for sporting activities in school.

Sports Days

We have made the decision to change the dates for our sports days, so that every child can take part within their own bubble (as shown on the school calendar on the website and revised diary dates attached.) At the present time, we will not be inviting parents on site due to current

government guidelines, however, if this information changes significantly, we will inform you of any changes nearer the time.

Assessments

Although statutory assessments for our FS2, Y1, Y2 and Y6 pupils have been cancelled for this academic year, we will be continuing to assess children in school, both informally and formally during the next few months, to inform our future teaching and also to share with secondary schools etc.

Start and end of the school day

Please could we ask that everyone parks with consideration to our neighbours and do not use the zig zag lines outside school, nor the bus stop bay, as a drop off point. This is for the safety of all our children and parents.

Thank you for keeping our school site as safe as possible, and arriving at school at the allocated, staggered start and end times - we are continuing to ask that face masks are worn on the school site and limit the number of adults to one per family, wherever possible. Please could we also ask that exits are kept clear for the safety of all.

Extended Schools

Extended schools are due to continue after the half term break. Places have been allocated and letters are due to be sent out on Thursday. If your child has been allocated a place, and receives a letter please pay via ParentPay by the date stated on the letter (Thursday 13th May 2021) as we have waiting lists and may offer your child's place to another child, if payment is not received.

School meals

We are pleased to see that more children are now taking a school meal. Please remember that if your child wishes to change from a packed lunch to a school meal, or vice versa, one week's notice is required to enable sufficient time for ordering of food.

Covid 19 - be vigilant

We are really pleased that the number of Covid 19 infections in Doncaster is slowly going down, but we still have one of the highest rates in the country; we ask that we all remain vigilant to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We still have a number of children self-isolating, due to other family members showing symptoms and having confirmation that they have the virus, and this is not something that is going to disappear overnight. Please could we ask every member of our community to keep both themselves and others as safe as we can; we have received reports of parties being held at houses, and children having sleepovers - none of which are in line with current government guidelines. This causes concern for both parents and our wider school community, as we are committed to working together to keep everyone safe.

Please remember, that if you or child has any symptoms, your household should be self-isolating and a PCR being taken by the affected person.

Term dates 2021 - 2022

I have attached a copy of the school holiday pattern for the next academic year to this newsletter, to make planning breaks in the school holidays easier. **Please note:** there are 5 training days added, which are specific to our school.

Sun Awareness

As we progress through the Summer Term, we hope for warmer weather! Please encourage your child to bring a hat and wear a high factor sunscreen before coming to school in the morning. If you wish your child to re-apply sunscreen, they must bring it to school in a plastic bag and the bottle must be labelled with their name and class. Children are responsible for looking after and applying their own sunscreen.

E safety

As in a previous newsletter, we continue to be concerned about the reports we are receiving into school about children's access to the internet and social media - some reports of children received are as young as the age of 5. We continue to provide education in school about how to use the internet and social media safely; please encourage your child to keep themselves safe online. For further information, please see:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Financial Assistance

If you are in receipt of government benefits, your child could be eligible for additional funding, which could include additional support in school. Please contact the school office for details.

Doncaster Council have informed us that Free School Meal children may apply for help towards their energy costs (gas and electric) through the Covid Winter Grant. Whilst duplicate applications are not permitted, if you think you may be eligible, and have not yet applied, the link to the application and further information is:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/apply-for-a-covid-winter-grant>

Contact Details

To support us in being able to contact you in an emergency and remain GDPR compliant, please inform the school office of any change in address and/or contact numbers asap.

And finally ... it was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Mrs Nunn last month, after she had worked here for 22 years as a school assistant. We wish her all the best with her new found free time and wish to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to our school.

Take care everyone and look after each other!

Next half-term holidays:

Monday 31st May - Tuesday 8th June 2021

***(Please note: Monday 7th June is a Training Day for staff in school
and we will be closed to children)***

Diary Dates

Throughout May/June			FS2, Y1, Y2 and Y6	SATS/Assessment
Mon-Fri	24/28 May	9:30am-3:10pm	All Years	Sports week - closed event - parents cannot attend
Fri	28 May	3:30pm	All Years	School Closes
Tue	8 June	8:50am	All Years	School Open
Fri	25 June	All Day	All Years	Multi Faith Day
Mon	28 June	2:45pm-3:30pm	KS2	Guitar Concert
Mon	28 June	All Day	Y6	Kingswood Day Trip
Wed	30 June	2:45pm-3:30pm	KS2	Music Concert
Fri	9 July	2:30pm-3:30pm	All Years	Class Swap/Reports Out
			TBC	New F1 Parents Meeting
			TBC	New F2 Parents Meeting
			TBC	New F1 Parent & Child Meeting
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Fri	16 July	3:30pm	All Years	School Closes

Training Days for 2021 -2022

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 1st April 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Friday 29th July 2022

Please note: More information regarding uniform, extended schools, events in school, lunch menus etc can be found on the school website - <https://www.warmsworth.doncaster.sch.uk/>