



## JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER No 9

25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that you, like us, are now feeling very weary that the Pandemic is still having such an impact on our lives. We were very disappointed that we had to cancel parents joining us for the Sports Day's this term, as this would have been a lovely way for us all to come together after a very difficult year. However, we have done brilliantly in not having to close any bubbles so far and I'm sure we all want to try to keep it this way until the end of term, which is of course, just a few short weeks away.

### **Autism Aware Award**

Following our recent moderation for the Autism Aware Award we are pleased to announce that we have achieved the award at SILVER level demonstrating the achievement of developing consistency of good support across the school.

The following strengths were identified:

- Personalised provision for individual autistic pupils
- Pupil voice is valued and acted upon
- Consistent good use of autism strategies
- Good system for developing staff knowledge and planning Continuing Professional Development
- Good understanding of sensory needs and a wide range of resources to support
- Flexible support for playtimes and lunchtimes which benefit autistic children



This achievement has been made possible due to the hard work and dedication of the staff and the inclusive ethos of the school.

## **Transition**

The annual West Sussex Transition day (7<sup>th</sup> July), where all pupils visit their new school or classes, has been cancelled this year, and so our plans all look a little different.



Parents of our current Year 2 pupils will have received a letter from Mr Tidd, informing them of their new teacher and giving details of visits taking place this term. We have agreed that these are still possible as the children are staying in their current bubbles and there will be no crossover with other children at the school. In addition, staff in both schools are continuing with the twice weekly testing.

For our current YR and Y1 pupils, they will be told their new class and teacher on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July (letters will also be sent home to parents on this day) and their new teacher will visit them for a story session on the afternoon of the 14<sup>th</sup>.

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July the children in the current YR and Y1 classes will move into their new classes and spend the remainder of the term there. Our current Y2 children will move into the YR classrooms and become our new 'Y3' classes – a letter giving more details about this will be sent home on 7<sup>th</sup> July. For clarification, the children's last day with their current teachers will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

## **'Meet the teacher'!**



Usually the teachers would hold 'meet the teacher' meetings in the summer term, to introduce themselves and share expectations for the year, but this obviously isn't possible in the current climate - we hope to be able to hold these meetings early in the autumn term.

Instead, the teachers have made videos and these will be shared in Google Classroom in the last week of term. In addition, the teachers will be sending home a letter to introduce themselves, outline topics for the coming year and hopefully answer any questions you might have about the new classes.

## **Library/Reading books**

As we approach the end of term we will begin to collect in any Library or Reading books that you may have at home. Please have a good look at home so that all books can be returned to school and we can complete our audit during the summer break. Thank you.



## Staffing update

Mrs Alison Lake (Y1 TLA) has decided to go travelling next year and so sadly she will be leaving us at the end of this term. We wish her 'Bon Voyage' and look forward to receiving a series of postcards!

Miss Laura Challenger (Learning Mentor) has secured a Teaching post from September and so she will also be leaving us at the end of term. I am sure you will join us in thanking her for all her hard work and wishing her well in her new post.



Mrs Allyson Lean (HLTA) has been on long-term sick leave for the last few months and it is unlikely that she will be well enough to be able to return to her post in the autumn term. We hope that Allyson will be better soon and that she will be able to re-join us later next term.

## INSET days 2021/2022

For you information the INSET days for next year have been set as follows:



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022

The term dates are available on the school website.

## Snacks containing Nuts



Please could we kindly ask that if you are providing a snack for your child to eat after school whilst waiting for older siblings or whilst walking out of the school grounds, that you refrain from snacks which include nuts. We have been alerted to a situation where a pre-school sibling with a severe nut allergy came into close contact with a child eating a snack containing nuts. Thank you for your consideration.

## Useful Websites for the Summer

Beach Safety Campaign with information on what to do if you fall into cold water - <https://www.respectthewater.com/>

Hungry Little Minds Scheme – simple fun activities and resources aimed at children up to age 5 - <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>



I would once again like to thank you all for your ongoing support. We know that many of you have faced difficult personal challenges over this last year and for some of you these are still very much ongoing. As a school community, we do try to do whatever we can to help so please let us know if you are struggling.

Fingers crossed for a healthy and safe last four weeks of term.

*Claire New*

Claire New (Mrs)  
Headteacher



## Diary Dates



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| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June | - | JustDifferent workshops for Y2                  |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July  | - | Y2 pupils drop off at EPJS 9.00am               |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July | - | Current YR and Y1 Story Sessions in new classes |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July  | - | Y2 pupils drop off at EPJS 9.00am               |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July    | - | Annual reports sent out                         |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July    | - | Early transition week – children in new classes |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July  | - | Y2 leavers disco                                |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July    | - | End of summer term                              |

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