



Friday 21st May 2021

Dear Families

This month has been a really productive one for myself and for school and it feels brilliant to feel like we are moving ahead with plans that we know will help to raise this wonderful little school to the place it deserves to be. There are two things I'm really excited to share with you that are coming soon for school. Please do share these over the coming weeks with other families who might be interested – positive word of mouth from parents and carers is always our most powerful tool. Firstly, on **Wednesday 9th June at 9:30am** our weekly 'Tree Tots' session begins. A group for parents and children aged 2-4. Secondly, I am currently finalising plans for a Summer Holiday Club for children aged 5 – 10 here at school. We are hopeful that we can run a **TWO** week Club from **Monday 2nd Aug – Friday 13th Aug**. Thank you for all your quick responses to my questions about this, this week. I'm delighted to be able to run this and should it be a success would love this to be the start of something for school regularly in school holidays. Watch out later next week for the flyer with times, costings and booking details. One final thing I would like to share is that we have been working hard on a brand new curriculum design for school launching in September, designed around a progressive model making sure children learn more and remember more as they move through school. Enhanced with trips and experiences for **EVERY** topic and a rich reading list that drives our reading culture further forward. All of this whilst also developing teachers who become specialists in their focus subjects to enhance and bring even more consistency to the teaching of the wider curriculum. I will be sharing the component parts of this with you next week...please look out for further communication – I would love to know what you think. Mrs. Waddington.

Covid 19 Updates

Remember, symptoms of Covid 19 are:

1. New, continuous cough
2. High Temperature
3. Loss of, or change in, usual sense of smell and taste

In the event of symptoms developing children should remain off school until a test has taken place and results communicated with school.

School and Trust protocol is to inform families if there has been a positive case in school – either pupil or staff. This will be communicated swiftly and with instruction, following Public Health guidance, of what needs to happen.

Summer Term Celebrations

We will be having a May Day celebration for children in school on Friday 28th May, with May Pole Dancing, songs and (weather permitting) an outdoor celebration together. We also stay committed to organising usual summer events for children like Sports Day and Summer Fayre style activities. I will also be writing to parents of Year 5 children separately with plans for them during their final summer here at school. I will keep in touch with you and updated as time goes on and if there is a way we can safely enable families to join in with these celebrations in some way, it is my absolute endeavor to do so.

Outdoors Update

We are organising for our new storage shed to be in place next half term which is going to help accessibility for a better outdoor curriculum for all. However, we need a wooden base for this to be built on. Sending a shout out to anybody who has links to timber merchants who might be able to help us out with materials and builders who could even build the platform. Thank you ☺

Dates for the Diary

Friday 28th May Last day of Summer Term 1. Children may dress in their best!

Monday 7th June All children return to school. Children to wear PE kits for the sponsored Dance-a-Thon.

Wednesday 9th June 'Tree Tots' our outdoor parent and toddler group begins, every week for 6 weeks. 9:30am – 10:30am

Communication

Remember to follow our social media platforms to stay updated
<https://twitter.com/birdsedgefirst>
<https://www.facebook.com/BirdsedgeFirstSchool>
<https://birdsedgefirst.org>

Friends of Birdsedge

As always, I pass on my thanks for all the hard work this wonderful group are always doing in the background for our school. Today a tuck shop has been arranged for children and on Monday 7th June children have been invited to join in a sponsored Dance – a – Thon. There will also be a Summer Disco for all children in July. Please do like the groups page on Facebook if you haven't already:
<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofbirdsedge>