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# NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 4th May 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our Pentecost Term!

## **Uniform Update**

Children should very soon be wearing our summer uniform.

For girls, this consists of a yellow checked dress, a brown cardigan, white socks and black shoes or white polo shirt and black trousers.

For boys, this consists of a brown, v-neck jumper, a white polo shirt, black trousers or shorts, grey socks and black shoes.

Please do ensure that all items of uniform are labelled.

On PE days the children can come to school in their PE kit and trainers or pumps. The PE uniform is plain black joggers (no brand), or black shorts (again, not branded), yellow polo shirt and yellow PE sweatshirt.

Mrs Hyde is currently in touch with our uniform supplier seeking larger sizes of clothing.

## **Assessment fortnight – end of KS1&2 Assessment for Summer 2021**

As you know, the government has cancelled all statutory testing for this academic year due to the pandemic. In light of this, our Trust has been working hard behind the scenes to devise a clear plan for the assessment of pupils across all year groups; including those at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. This will help support the pupils' transition process into their new year groups/schools for the next academic year. As many pupils have been learning at home for a significant part of the Lent term, we have delayed this assessment process until the second half of the Pentecost term. This approach will maximise the amount of time available for pupils to learn the knowledge and skills planned for them this year, in different subjects, to prepare them well for the next stage of their education. All assessment decisions will be informed by using teacher judgement, using materials that are familiar to the children. We believe that this low-key approach will be fair, informative and supportive of our children's well-being.

## **My BookBlog (KS2)**

Your child should still bring their MyBookBlog home reading book to school on their allocated 'book change' days – this will allow the teachers and TAs to continue reading with the children and monitoring their progress. If your child does not bring their book for 3 weeks, a letter will come home with a polite remainder, asking you to return this. If it still doesn't come back to school you'll be asked to cover the cost of the book.

## **STEM week**

We will be having a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths week in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> July. The children will be engaging in various aspects of these subjects within their classrooms. If you feel your job lends itself to these subject areas and you would be willing to talk to the children to inspire them with subject choices, skills needed and how exciting job opportunities are in your area we would love you to send in a short video for us to share with children during this week. This can be emailed to [info@st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk) with the heading STEM week. We look forward to receiving your inspirational talks!

## **Dates for your Diary...**

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June Pentecost Half term School Closed

Monday 7th June – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June assessment fortnight

Friday 9th July: End of Day Reports go out to parents via email.

Wednesday 14th July: 3:30pm -5pm Reports Consultation Evening Appointments to be made should you wish to speak to your child's class teacher about something specific on the report.

Wednesday 21st July: Break up for summer holiday.

Please see the next page for term dates for next academic year.

As always, many thanks for your continued support for our whole school community.

God bless,

*A J Clemens*

Mrs Clemens

Head Teacher.

### Term Dates for 2021/2022

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| <b>Advent Term 1</b>        | <u>Staff Return on</u><br>Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September for 2 INSET days<br><u>Pupils return on</u><br>Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                      |
| <i>Advent Half Term</i>     | <i>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</i>  |
| <b>Advent Term 2</b>        | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November – Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December  |
| <i>Christmas Holidays</i>   | <i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021</i>   |
| <b>Lent Term 1</b>          | Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February  |
| <i>Lent Half Term</i>       | <i>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February</i>  |
| <b>Lent Term 2</b>          | Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April   |
| <i>Easter Holidays</i>      | <i>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</i>  |
| <b>Pentecost Term 1</b>     | Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May<br>(Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Closed – Bank holiday)   |
| <i>Pentecost Half Term</i>  | <i>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</i>  |
| <b>Pentecost Term 2</b>     | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July<br>(Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 is an INSET)   |
| <b>INSET DAYS so far...</b> | Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021<br>3 further INSET days to be confirmed ASAP<br><br><b>Bank holidays falling in term time</b><br>Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022 |