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NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 29th June 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin firstly by congratulating our Year 2 and Year 6 children for the calm and positive attitudes that they have shown during their (internally marked and unofficial) SATs weeks. They have all worked so hard and we are immensely proud of them. We have kept all testing deliberately low key this year in view of the challenging year that our children have had due to the pandemic. The rest of the school have also been busily completing end of year assessments to provide their next teacher with useful information about where to begin the learning journey for next year. Again, we are very proud of each and every one of our pupils. We shall share your child/ren's achievements with you shortly via the school reports which will be out on Friday 9th July.

Tough runner activity day 1st July

On Thursday 1st July all classes will get a chance to take part in a tough runner obstacle course, this will include climbing walls, balance beams, cargo crawls and tunnels. This will all be run by the qualified teachers from Amber Valley School's Sport Partnership and will maintain all of our bubbles and safety measures that we have in place. There will be no cost for this event and it will be in place of the sponsored fun run which we have previously held. Children will need to wear their active uniforms, they will likely get quite warm, so the yellow PE polo shirts and black shorts would be recommended, along with sun cream.

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will go out on Friday 9th July. On Wednesday 14th July from 3.30pm, appointments will be available for you to discuss your child's report with their class teacher. This is not like the traditional Parent Consultation evenings and is really **only if you need to discuss something specific within the report**. Please speak to our office staff if you would like an appointment.

COVID update

As you are aware COVID restrictions stay in place for all of us, including schools. If you are worried about any member of your family showing symptoms please book for a PCR test and inform school so that we can take all the necessary precautions and implement all actions Public Health England advise us with.



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Transition day – changes to plan

In order to keep in line with the government guidance for restrictions due to COVID we have changed the transition plans. This event will be on Friday 9th July. Please refer to the chart below for drop off/collection points and times. These events aim to familiarise the children with staff, classrooms and also get an insight into the new curriculum and topic areas they will be learning about, as well as helping to tackle any worries and reduce anxiety. The children will have lots of opportunities to ask questions and talk about anything that might be worrying them. If there is anything that you are worried about please ask us and we will endeavour to do our best to support you.

The class teachers for next year are:

EYFS Mrs Wilby

Year 1 Mrs Turner and Mrs Acton

Year 2 Mr Ward and Mrs Heath

Year 3 Mrs Parry, Mrs Alton (after her maternity leave) and one other to cover maternity

Year 4 Miss Hickling

Year 5 Miss Holmes

Year 6 Mrs Fitzpatrick

Classes	Arrival Time	Parent parking and entrance to building	Collection time
EYFS going into Y1	9.10am	If you are driving to school park on the top playground. Walk around the outside of the building to the Y1 outside door. If you are walking to school come through the pedestrian gate at the lower car park, up the path across the playground and walk around the building to the Y1 door. Staff will meet children at the door; parents will not be able to enter the building.	3.25pm
Y1 going into Y2	9.05am	If you are driving to school park on the top playground. Walk down the steps and turn left to enter the doors and go up to the cloakroom area. If you are walking to school come through the pedestrian gate at the lower car park, up the path across the playground and enter the building via the door near the year 6 classroom. Staff will meet children at the door; parents will not be able to enter the building.	3.20pm
Y2 going into Y3	8.55am	If you are driving to school please park on the lower car park on bend of drive. Come through the pedestrian gate, up the path across the playground and enter the building via the door near the year 6 classroom. Staff will meet children at the door; parents will not be able to enter the building.	3.10pm

Y3 going into Y4	8.55am	If you are driving to school please park on the lower car park on bend of drive. Come through the pedestrian gate, up the path across the playground and enter the building via the door near the year 6 classroom. Staff will meet children at the door; parents will not be able to enter the building.	3.10pm
Y4 going into Y5	9.10am	If you are driving to school please park on the lower car park on bend of drive. Come through the pedestrian gate, up the path across the playground and enter the building via the door near the year 6 classroom. Staff will meet children at the door; parents will not be able to enter the building.	3.25pm
Y5 going into Y6	9.05am	If you are driving to school please park on the lower car park on bend of drive. Come through the pedestrian gate, up the path across the playground and enter the building via the door near the year 6 classroom. Staff will meet children at the door; parents will not be able to enter the building.	3.20pm
Y6 transferring to a secondary school	8.55am	If you are driving to school please park on the lower car park on bend of drive. Come through the pedestrian gate, up the path across the playground and enter the building via the door near the year 6 classroom. Staff will meet children at the door and you will be based in the hall for the day; parents will not be able to enter the building.	3.10pm

Safeguarding Information - Roblox

What is Roblox? Roblox is a gaming platform where multiple players interact and play together online. The site has a collection of games aimed at 8-18 year olds, however players of all ages can use the site. Roblox is currently available on PC, phone, tablet and Xbox One. Every game on Roblox is created by users, and there are a wide variety to choose from. These can vary from delivering pizzas, to roaming a kingdom as a medieval knight, to even starring in a fashion show. This variety is one of the reasons that Roblox is so popular with young people.

Key things for parents to be aware of

1. Communication: how users can communicate with others. Whilst the games are aimed at 8-18 year olds, there are no age restrictions. This means both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other on the platform. All games are multiplayer and include a written chat feature, which is visible to players within each individual game. Users can also make and receive friend requests during gameplay and this means that they can chat to each other outside of the game. You can read more about the Roblox chat features and the way that these are moderated on the Roblox community guidelines and within their safety features.
2. Content: what content is available that might not be suitable for children. The Roblox Studio is a section where players use their imagination and skills to create their own games and share these with others. The ability to create and play games can be very appealing to young people who like to create the content they see online. However, because content is user-generated it can mean that some games might not be appropriate for young children. For example, whilst the graphics are not very life like, some of the games feature weapons and blood.

3. Costs: How children might accidentally run up costs by creating games, users can earn Robux, the in-game currency. You can also buy Robux in the game. Players can spend money on items, such as membership to the Builders Club. If game creators attract players and in-game adverts, they can earn a lot of Robux, which they can convert into real money. To do this, players must be over the age of 13, have paid for Roblox's premium subscription, and have access to a Paypal account. This means that younger players would need to talk to an adult to be able to exchange their Robux for real money.

Top tips for parents

Whatever gaming sites your children use, our advice remains the same. It is important to have a conversation with your child about the sites they use and carry on having open discussions. This will encourage them to come to you with any concerns they may have. Involve your child in discussions and decisions about online safety and their internet usage. This will help them understand the importance of staying safe whilst having a great time online. It will also help to educate them about how they can keep themselves safe online and know what to do if something goes wrong.

Dates for your Diary...

Wednesday 30th June KS1 Sports Day.

Thursday 1st July Tough Runner active Day.

Friday 2nd July Y5 class Mass with Father Michael

9th July Transition events for all classes in school

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

12th July is the start of our STEM week

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.

Tuesday 20th July 9.30am Y6 Leaver's Mass

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,

Mrs Clemens,

Head Teacher.



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Term Dates for 2021/2022

Advent Term 1	<u>Staff Return on</u> Thursday 2nd September for 2 INSET days <u>Pupils return on</u> Monday 6 th September – Friday 22 nd October
<i>Advent Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October</i>
Advent Term 2	Monday 1 st November – Thursday 23 rd December
<i>Christmas Holidays</i>	<i>Friday 24th December – Friday 7th January 2021</i>
Lent Term 1	Monday 10 th January – Friday 18 th February
<i>Lent Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February</i>
Lent Term 2	Monday 28 th February – Friday 8 th April
<i>Easter Holidays</i>	<i>Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April</i>
Pentecost Term 1	Monday 25 th April – Friday 27 th May (Monday 2 nd May Closed – Bank holiday)
<i>Pentecost Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June</i>
Pentecost Term 2	Monday 6 th June – Friday 22 nd July
INSET DAYS so far...	Thursday 2 nd and Friday 3 rd September 2022 4 further INSET days to be confirmed ASAP Bank holidays falling in term time Monday 2 nd May 2022