



25th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Transition for 2021-2022

Due to COVID 19 and the road map out of lockdown being delayed, those of you that have nursery or reception children starting in September will shortly be receiving updated information about transition. There will still be an element of face-to-face provision to allow the children to experience the classroom setting and enable you to ask any questions that you may have, but this has had to be reduced.

For children currently in school, there will be an opportunity for children to meet their new teachers during the final week full week of school in a COVID safe manner.

Our class structures for September are as follows:

<u>Classes</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Teaching Assistant</u>
Wagtails (R)	Miss Emma Bryan	Mrs Lyndsey Ward
Robins (1/2)	Mrs Michelle Gugleta	Ms Dawn Ryan
Owls (3/4)	Miss Catherine Kirkby	Miss Jenny Blewitt Mrs Leigh Howes
Kingfishers (5/6)	Miss Megan Griffiths Mrs Karen Cotton	Miss Rachel Morris Mrs Leigh Howes
Ducklings (N/R)	Mrs Lindsay Barclay Mrs Kathryn Rushbrooke	Mrs June Bushnell Mrs Penny Gifford
Harlequin (1/2)	Mrs Kylie Glover-King Mrs Kathryn Rushbrooke	Mrs Elizabeth Samways
King Eider (3/4)	Miss Millie Hand	Mrs Jayne Griffiths
Mandarin (5/6)	Miss Katie Oliver	Mrs Rachel Ingram Mrs Jayne Griffiths

As you will see from the new class structures, there are some familiar names missing. Miss Watkins has made the decision to work as a Teaching Assistant and will be starting a new job at a nearby school. Mrs Mander has decided to take early retirement to spend more time with her new granddaughter. Mrs Meredith has decided to seek different career opportunities and spend more time with her family. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best for the future as well as thanking them for the contribution they have made over many years.

Miss Kirkby and Miss Blewitt are moving across from our Newton team to Austrey where they currently teach Y3/4. As deputy head of both schools, Miss Griffiths will now spend her teaching hours in Kingfishers Y5/6 rather than Mandarin Y5/6.

We are welcoming three new teachers to our schools; Miss Emma Bryan, Mrs Kylie Glover-King and Miss Millie Hand who are all really excited about joining our team.

Sports Days

Although Sports Days have been very different this year, at least we have managed to offer the children the opportunity to compete against their peers. It has been successful and the children have told me how they have thoroughly enjoyed them! I have asked the teachers to send photographs across via Seesaw so please look out for these. Can I just remind you that any photographs received are for your personal use and should not be posted on social media.

Congratulations

Over the past term, we have been taking part in virtual sports competitions with other North Warwickshire schools. We need to say a huge well done to Y4 Owls who came third in the cross-country competition and also to Harlequin who came second in the speed stacking.



Y6 Fun Days

These are booked to go ahead on Friday 2nd July at Newton Regis and Thursday 8th July at Austrey. Class teachers will send out more information about this.

Seesaw

Can I please remind you to phone the office (or tell the member of staff on the gate if you are bringing siblings to school) if your child will not be in school rather than putting it on Seesaw for class teachers. These messages often get missed as teachers do not look at Seesaw whilst they are teaching or preparing for the day.

Y6 Leavers' service

Birmingham Cathedral will not be hosting the normal service for all Y6s in the Diocese this year so. Like last year we will be contributing to a virtual one. We are also unable to visit the churches for this again this year. Plan B is to hold a service in the playground. We would like to invite **Y6 parents only** to come and watch this. We would be able to have **two adults per Y6 child (no older or younger siblings)** only as the restrictions are still saying a maximum of 30 as an audience. Whilst I realise this is not what we would all want, I feel that leaving primary school is an important milestone in any child's life and we want at least the parents/carers of these children to have the opportunity to share this with us. To make things as safe as possible, we would appreciate if parents could take a lateral flow test on the day and wear face coverings until they are seated. Once again, thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

The times are as follows:

Austrey – Tuesday 20th July at 9.30am

Newton Regis – Tuesday 20th July at 2.30pm

Homework

For parents who would like their child to have homework over the next few weeks) in addition to the reading books, spelling shed and TT Rockstars) and/or over the summer holidays I would like to remind you about the workbooks that were sent home before Christmas. These were purchased in the event of a child having to self-isolate or for the first day of a bubble closure. We have had very little disruption with most bubbles remaining open for the whole of the pandemic so these have not been used much. They cover all the year group objectives and have answers in the back. We will not be collecting these in, but they are there for parents who want them.

Enrichment clubs

Thank you for your responses about breakfast and after school clubs. We will be sending out a booking letter soon. We will not ask for payment until September but it will enable you plan for the Autumn term.

Swimming

There will also be a letter coming out soon about swimming for Y3/4 in the Autumn term so please look out for this.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Eley