

29th April

School news Update



Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.

All together again!

We are thrilled to be able to join together again in person as a whole school!!!! The first Collective Worship and lunchtime together in over two years!



Hello and Goodbye

We would like to welcome Polina and Nikita to our school from Ukraine. Polina joins Year 5 and Nikita joins Year 2 although as children in Ukraine do not start school until they are 7, he has started his time with us in Van Gogh class initially. We look forward to getting to know you and family over the coming weeks.

However, we said a sad goodbye to Clemmie during the week who has left from Kandinsky Class. We wish her every success for the future.

Eucharist teaching



Now that we are back in the hall for Collective Worship, we will also be able to re-introduce our Eucharist Service. This is led by Rev'd Mandy and as the children in Van Gogh and Monet haven't taken part in this service before, she will be joining their RE lessons to teach them about the meaning of Eucharist as well as the format and what to expect in the hall.

Ukraine fund raising

We are delighted to share with you that the cake and craft sale on the last day of term, organised and run by our Charity Committee, raised an amazing **£351**. The chore challenge set over the Easter holidays has also raised an amazing **£154**. This is an incredible amount due to the fact that this has been raised by just 5 children. Therefore, the total stands at a fantastic **£505.00**. This is an astounding amount of money and we thank you for your support.

If your child took part in the chore challenge and has not yet brought their money into school, please send in by Tuesday so that we have a final total.

It has been discussed and agreed with the whole school that the funds raised will go to support our new Ukrainian family with the purchase of two new I-pads for them to use both at home and at school.



Water bottles

Several children have not returned their water bottles to school since the Easter break. Please can you ensure that your child has one in school on Tuesday.

Make do and Mend last Saturday



A huge thankyou to all the families and staff who came along last Saturday to do the jobs needed around the school grounds. There were trees trimmed, shelters built, storage areas fixed, gate closures dealt with, fences painted, broken toys thrown away, weeding and general tidying done and three trips to the tip with rubbish!! I hope you all noticed a big difference when you came in on Monday. Thank you to the STARS team for their support and for keeping us in order with the jobs list and tea and coffee!

Our new daily mile path

The children have really enjoyed using the new daily mile track around the school which magically appeared over the Easter holidays!! Thank you to the families who organised the removal of overhanging branches and trees that were in the way so that the work could be completed. We have many plans afoot for the use of the new track ... keep your eyes peeled for more information soon!

Year 6 SATS breakfast reminder

Letters were sent home to all Year 6 families about the offer to join us for breakfast for SATS week. If you have not returned your form to book the days in which you wish your child to join us, then please do send this in by Wednesday next week at the latest. If your child is not able to join for whatever reason then that is fine too but can you drop the office an email so we are aware.

Class photos

A quick reminder from the diary dates that the Class photographs will be taken on Tuesday morning next week. Please ensure your child arrives in school promptly so we can organise this smoothly. Information on purchasing a copy of the photo will be sent home after the event.



A reminder about Covid guidance

Please support us by following the advice below, which is an extract from the letter sent out last week from Jonathan Lewis. We have reattached for your information.

From the 1st April 2022, Covid-19 will be managed in a similar way to any other respiratory illness. The similarities between the profile of Covid-19 and other respiratory viruses means that individuals will be unable to distinguish one virus from another based on symptoms alone. The NHS have been updated their [COVID-19 symptoms in adults](#) and [symptoms in children](#) guidance.

*Children and young people who are unwell with these symptoms and have a high temperature **should stay at home and avoid contact with other people**, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Most children who are unwell will recover in a few days with rest and plenty of fluids.*

Car Park Speed

Please can we remind you again about the importance of being mindful when using the school car park. We have had a report of damage to a car from stones being disturbed following the departure of a car driving too fast. We now have a longer drop off and pick up too and as our families are leaving, there may be families with younger children arriving. Please support us with being sensible and driving with due care and attention when using the car park.

Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Summer 2022 term
Any new dates added in the future will be in bold and italics

Date	Event
2 nd May	Bank holiday – school closed
3 rd May	Class Photographs am
W/C 9 th May	Year 6 SATS week
10 th May	STARS meeting 7:30pm at school
17 th May	2pm – 3.15pm Van Gogh Parents invited to open session to view learning journeys etc
26 th May	Jubilee themed Sports Day and picnic: everyone welcome – more details to follow 9.30am – 1.00pm
27 th May	Teacher Training Day – school closed
30 th May – 3 rd June	Half Term
9 th June	6pm Year 6 Rotary Quiz
13 th June	STARS meeting 7:30pm at school
16 th June	7pm – New Reception Parents evening
17 th June	STARS Father's Day shop
21 st June	Reserve Sports Day – 1.00pm – 3.00pm
23 rd June	2.45pm Year 5/6 Parents meeting regarding the residential trip
30 th June	9.30am – 10.30am New Reception children taster session 1
2 nd July	STARS Summer fair
5 th July	2.00pm – 3.00pm New Reception children taster session 2
6 th – 8 th July	Stibbington Residential – Year 5/6
13 th July	Change Over Morning – meet your new teacher
13 th July	11.00am – 12.30pm New Reception children taster session 3 including lunch
19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Celebration 9.30am
21 st July	Church Service – everyone welcome
21 st July	Summer term closes
22 nd July	Extra bank holiday owed due to Queens Jubilee. School closed.

