

# 15th July

## 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.*

### End of Year reports

Just a quick reminder that if you wish to send any comments in regarding your child's report please forward these by email to the school office.

### School times

Some of you will be aware that there is new legislation that schools must be open for 32.5 hours a week – this is from the time of registration in the morning to the time that children leave at the end of the school day, regardless of the length of break and lunchtimes. We currently open from 8:50am to 3:15pm so are short by 5 minutes a day. Therefore, from September, school will finish at 3:20pm and not 3:15pm.

### Heat wave continues



The daily temperatures in the UK are set to rise considerably next week and as mentioned in our email earlier this week there are things that we are doing in school and ways that you can help too. With regards to uniform, please do send your child in their PE kit if this is cooler than their usual uniform and a hat is vital too. Similarly, with regards to footwear, we will be allowing children to wear sandals on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday if these are cooler than their school shoes and socks. However, these must have backs and be attached

to the foot and not flip flop type sandals. On Thursday, children will need to wear their school shoes as we will be walking to the church and back.

We have been asked by several parents whether we are likely to close the school due to the extreme temperatures and the current advice from the Department of Education is that schools will remain open.

### Menu for next week

We have made the decision to serve a cold meal option on Monday and Tuesday next week as we feel that this is more likely to appeal to the children during the hot weather. On Wednesday we will serve what is planned for Monday (chicken/veggie burger) and on Thursday we will serve Friday's meal (fish fingers/Quorn nuggets).

### After School Clubs

Just a reminder that we do not run after school clubs in the last week of term.

## Token reward

The overwhelming winner of our token reward for this half term is the **water fun!** We have decided to do this on Tuesday 19th. Therefore please could children come to school with the following:

- Swimming costume/swimming shorts
- A t-shirt (ideally long sleeved) to wear over their swimming costumes/swimming shorts to protect from the sun
- Footwear that can get wet e.g. old trainers as we have lots of bees that are attracted to the clover in the grass on the field and so bare feet are not a good idea!
- A towel



Please send all of the above in a named plastic bag – your support with this is really important to support school staff.

## Potential Residential in September

We are looking at the viability of planning a Picasso class (current year 4 and 5) residential for September 2022. A letter and google form for expressions of interests have been sent to these year groups today. Please complete this by the end of school on Wednesday.

## Year 6 Leaver Questionnaire

We have emailed all parents of our Year 6 children today with a link to an online questionnaire. As many of you have been involved in our school for a long time, we would welcome your feedback on your experience during this time. Our thanks for your time with this – it is very much appreciated.

Governors are aware that they haven't completed a parent questionnaire since March 2020 so we will resume our bi-annual parent questionnaire to the rest of our parent community in the Autumn term.

## Year 6 Leavers celebration – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 9:30am

We have invited parents of our Year 6 children into school for a celebration of their time. We are hoping to hold the service outside in the shade but please can we ask you to bring an umbrella/hats too.

## End of term staff celebration

Many of you will remember the **hugely** generous gift from the parent community to staff at the end of the last academic year – pictured below. We had intended to use the gift to pay for our staff Christmas celebration but as COVID numbers rose we cancelled this. We were so lucky to have enjoyed an amazing meal at The Crown Inn in Broughton this week as our end of year celebration and would like to say a **HUGE thank you** to the parents who contributed – it's been a whole year but we haven't forgotten your generosity!



## End of Term church service

Everyone is welcome to join us across at St Andrews Church for our End of Year Church service, led by Reverend Mandy at 9.30am on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

## Headteacher for day

Following the winning ticket being drawn at the summer fair, Mr Baker (from Year 5) will be our Headteacher for the day on Wednesday next week and he has some interesting plans for the day! One of his ideas is to undertake a class quiz with each class as a fun way to raise some money for his chosen charity. He would like children to contribute £1 to enter the quiz so please send this in a named envelope on Wednesday.

## Bus collection arrangements

If your child uses any after school transport, please can you send an email before Monday morning of their pattern for next week as we are aware that some children will not be using the transport as normal. This will alleviate any pressures at the end of the day.

## Summer holiday learning



On our website we have the Moving Up summer learning packs for both English and Maths. Although these were written to support children who had experienced school closure, we believe that many children will enjoy engaging in these, even occasionally perhaps when the weather is bad outside. The idea is that they are consolidating the learning from this academic year so that children are well prepared for the next academic year. Please do take a look [here](#) and remember that TTRockstars will remain available all summer as will Mathletics. If your child is in Van Gogh or Monet, the 1 minute maths WhiteRose APP is also

amazing to complete for 1 minute a day to build greater fluency and number confidence.



## 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
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Celebration 9.30am
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Church Service – everyone welcome
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Summer term closes
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Extra bank holiday owed due to Queens Jubilee. School closed.
<b>Autumn term</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Training days – school closed
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Training days – school closed
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Autumn term begins
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	STARS AGM and meeting 7:30pm at school
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	STARS Welcome Picnic 3:15pm on the school field