

Dear Parents,

The children have been working very hard this week. I have been visiting classes and have been impressed with the quality of their work and the determination they are showing to do things well. It has also been lovely to see the after school sports clubs resume. We have started our singing assemblies in our bubbles this week—that is a lovely sound throughout the school!

For our children's safety. Please do not drive down Badgers Way at pick up and drop off. This road is now accessed by Year 3 and 4 children coming into school. Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking.



Summer Term Events

We have had a number of queries as to whether we can have some of our normal Summer Term events after June 21st. We are desperate to get back to normal, however the lockdown timetable set out by Government is an aim not a certainty. We are very mindful at the moment to prioritise our time and some of these events take a considerable length of time to organise.

As a locality of schools (there are 10 Primary Schools in the locality) the headteachers are also aware that we have had no guidance from the DfE as to what schools will look like after the 21st June and whether restrictions are lifted or not. Will we have bubbles? Will we be wearing masks? Will there be restrictions on public gatherings? 'Back to normal' may not be back to normal, we just don't know.

The open afternoon that has been organised has been relatively straightforward and can be cancelled or postponed so this is still in the diary. Internally we will be having a paired down sports day with the children in their bubbles in June (when it is normally scheduled). We understand your frustrations—we feel the same. But can I reassure you that as soon as we are able and it is logistically possible we will bring back events to the school.

Forest School

Teachers have been doing their own outdoor learning but next week Forest Schools will resume with Mrs Oldfield, our official Forest School Instructor.

As usual if it is your child's day please can they come to school wearing outdoor clothing including:

Long sleeved top and trousers/leggings (no jeans)
Old trainers
Waterproof jacket
Sun hat (and lotion if very hot)



Volunteering at the School

We are looking forward to inviting volunteers back into the school in the near future (not sure when but we are already thinking about it!)

In the past we have had a great number of lovely volunteers from all areas of the community including mums, dads, grannies, grandads, Governors and sometimes just people in the village that wish to be involved.

Volunteering can be in various forms and can be very flexible. It can include reading with children, helping in the Library, helping on special days (Chinese New Year, productions, events) or Forest School.

All volunteers are subject to DBS checks and a Safeguarding Induction meeting. We will also give you training if this is needed specific to your role.

Please keep an eye on this newsletter if you are interested, we will open our doors as soon as we are able to.

General dates

Monday 24th May	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 20th July	Art Exhibition / Come and See

INSET days for next Academic Year

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2020/21

Easter Holidays **April 2nd—16th 2021**

Half Term **Monday 31st May—4th June 2021**

End of Term **Friday 23rd July 2021**



This week's winning
house is

Brehurst

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A CELEBRATION CERTIFICATE

Acorns	Isabella S for Enthusiasm, Leila for Challenge and Jessica for Enthusiasm
Oak Class	Baye for Aspiration
Willow Class	Maisie for Diligence and Lucia for Resilience
Rowan Class	Annie for Commitment and Adam for Independence
Sycamore Class	Ellie D for Friendship and Ellie G for Confidence
Mulberry Class	Billy-Ray for Concentration, Dominic for Enthusiasm and Lily for Confidence
Chestnut Class	Timothy for Dedication and Eugenie for Diligence