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'Learning For Life'
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Dear Parents/Carers

The last 4 weeks of term have been wonderful- having all of the children in again has brought the school back to life!

We have had four very settled weeks as well. The children have enjoyed being back with their friends and learning again with their teachers. The staff have enjoyed the smiles and enthusiasm everyone has brought back with them.

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COVID 19 update

Twelve months ago, we were just beginning a period of school closure and home learning. I suspect, like me, you thought that we were in for a challenging few weeks rather than the many months that followed and still continue today.

In school, Government guidance continues to maintain that we adhere to the strict control measures put in place for the September 2020 return. Strict class bubbles and increased cleaning in classrooms and around school remain a big feature of our control measures. We are not expecting children to socially distance within their class bubble due to their age, but we are expecting all children to follow the rules carefully to ensure different class bubbles are not mixed. Unfortunately, whole school events such as assemblies and dining together are still unable to take place.

There is, of course, a possibility that a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus and in that case the class bubble associated with that person will be instructed to remain at home and self-isolate for a period of 10 days. Teaching staff have a contingency plan so that all pupils can continue learning from home in the event of a school closure.

Please take advantage of the fact that families living with school-aged pupils now have the ability to conduct a lateral flow test twice weekly if they want, to identify asymptomatic people and help reduce the transmission of the virus. Please click on the following link to find out more information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Well Done to our Easter Winners

The children enjoyed taking part in all our Easter competitions and as always high standards made it difficult to decide on winners.

Our winners of the **Easter bonnets** (judging was carried out by Mrs Ledward):

F2: Karl (YR)
KS1: Toby H (Y1) & Lily L (Y1) (2 winners as **everyone** in the class entered)
KS2: Lillie G (Y4)
Evie J (Y6)

Winners of the **decorated eggs** (judging was carried out by Mrs Lawrence):

F2: Cow Jumped Over The Moon - Jude K (YR)

Class 1: Samuel Pepys Running from the Burning Building - Isabelle C (Y1)
Samuel Pepys Running from the Great Fire of London - Evelyn M (Y2)

Class 2 (Y3 & 4): Doctor's Surgery - Henry H (Y3)
Covid Vaccination Centre - Edward B (Y4)

Class 2 (Y5 & 6): Captain Sir Tom Moore's Birthday - William Ba (Y5)
Boring in Lockdown & Fractions - Cleo M (Y6)

Congratulations to our **egg rolling** champions:

Tabitha (KS1)
William Br (KS2).

My thanks to everyone who helped at home in preparing for Easter activities and to Mrs Ledward & Mrs Lawrence for helping in the judging.

Catch up tutoring

Our catch up provision will continue and be extended next term. We will be providing small groups with targeted sessions where we think the need arises. From next term, the provision will be widening to cover more pupils across the school. We currently have Mrs Hall tutoring on a Wednesday afternoon. In addition to this, we will have Mrs Barker delivering small group catch up sessions on a Wednesday morning in school.

We will also be using some of the funding to promote well-being initiatives for everyone. One of these is free Wake & Shake sessions for all pupils, one morning a week, from the beginning of the term. Mrs Brooks will be running these sessions on the school playground (see poster at the end of the newsletter).

However, in the clamour and rush to implement a catch-up / recovery curriculum, let us not forget so quickly what we have learned during the past months. Colin Pettigrew Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Schools from NCC summarised the lessons learned so well in his recent correspondence to school.

- Lesson 1 - that education is a gift to be treasured, not one to be taken for granted.
- Lesson 2 - that the value of what good schools provide is more than can be measured by tests or exams alone; what matters is hard to measure, and what is easy to measure doesn't matter.
- Lesson 3 - that we have nothing if we don't have relationships we can depend on. It is through our relationships with others that we come to know ourselves and our place in the world.
- Lesson 4 - that as individuals we have the capacity to be strong, creative, resilient, hopeful, kind, and generous, and that what this capacity can achieve is magnified ten-fold when we act together.

It is incredible to look back over the past year and see how far we have come and what we have all achieved- skills that are not necessarily measurable. It would be easy to reflect on a year of lost learning and missed opportunities but there are many positive lessons learnt as well.

Willoughby Award Winners

Congratulations to our recent winners of the Willoughby Award. Two of these were awarded for remote learning during the most recent lockdown.

26/2/21	Toby A (Y2)	26/3/21	Rosie R (Y3)
12/3/21	Erin B (Y3)		
19/3/21	Ella J (Y6)		

Thank You for Money Raised

Many thanks for supporting Comic Relief (Red Nose Day). A total of £115.65 was raised through our dressing up as Superheroes and telling jokes in class. Although it was a bit hot doing Drumba (!) everyone really made a huge effort to join in with the day and we all had a laugh at many corny jokes!

School Council are keen to do more fund-raisers next term.

Clubs for the Summer Term

Next term we will have three after school club opportunities.

Tuesdays: Disney Dance Club - Starts Tuesday 20th April

Wednesdays: School Summer Club - Letter to follow

Thursdays: Clements Coaching Club - Starts Thursday 22nd April

Please see the end of the newsletter for booking information for Disney Dance and Clements Coaching.

Clements Coaching will also be running an Easter Club (information has been emailed)

Dates for the Term

Please see below for a brief starting list of some of our dates for this term. As National lockdown guidelines change and things start to open up more, further dates will be added in the next newsletter.

APRIL

- Mon 19th - First Day of Summer Term (1) 2021
- Tues 20th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Thurs 22nd - Sam Clements After School Club on School Playground
- Tues 27th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- 3:30pm-4:30pm - PGL Parent Information Meeting (via Zoom)
- Weds 28th - Governor Committee Meetings
- Thurs 29th - Sam Clements After School Club on School Playground

MAY

- Mon 3rd - **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed**
- Tues 4th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 5th - 3:30pm - 4:30pm - After School Summer Club (1 of 7)
- Thurs 6th - Sam Clements After School Club on School Playground
- Mon 10th - Fri 14th - TEST WEEK
- Tues 11th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 12th - 3:30pm - 4:30pm - After School Summer Club (2 of 7)
- 4:30pm - Full Governor Meeting
- Thurs 13th - Sam Clements After School Club on School Playground
- Tues 18th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 19th - 12:30pm - School Council
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm - After School Summer Club (3 of 7)
- Thurs 20th - Sam Clements After School Club on School Playground
- Mon 24th - PGL Residential @ Caythorpe Court for Year 5 & Year 6
- Weds 26th
- Tues 25th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Thurs 27th - Sam Clements After School Club on School Playground
- Mon 31st - Fri 4th June - **HALF TERM**

JUNE

- Mon 7th - First Day of Summer Term (2) 2021
- Tues 8th - Whole School & Class Photos
- 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 9th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - After School Summer Club (4 of 7)
- Tues 15th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 16th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - After School Summer Club (5 of 7)
- Tues 22nd - Keyworth Cricket Festival
- 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 23rd - 12:30pm - School Council
- 3:30pm-4:30pm - After School Summer Club (6 of 7)
- Tues 29th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Weds 30th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - After School Summer Club (7 of 7)

JULY

- Thurs 1st - Year 6 South Wolds Academy Intake Taster Day (1 of 2)
- Friday 2nd - Year 6 South Wolds Academy Intake Taster Day (2 of 2)
- Tues 6th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Tues 13th - 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Tues 20th - 12:30pm - School Council
- 3:30pm-4:30pm - Disney Dance Club
- Fri 23rd - **BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS**
- Mon 26th - INSET DAY - School Closed to All Pupils
- Tues 27th - INSET DAY - School Closed to All Pupils
- Weds 28th - INSET DAY - School Closed to All Pupils

AUGUST

- Tues 31st - ADMIN DAY - School Closed to All Pupils

SEPTEMBER

- Weds 1st - **AUTUMN TERM 1 BEGINS**

Finally, I would like to wish you all a relaxed and enjoyable Easter Holiday. I hope that as the recent restrictions start to ease and the weather improves, we can all enjoy some more opportunities to go outside and even meet up with some family and friends. Have a lovely time.



Beatrice Smith
Head Teacher

Summer Term Wake & Shake with Mrs Brooks



Reception & KS1 - Tuesday 8.45-9.15am

KS2 – Thursday 8.30- 9am

On the school playground (in the classroom if wet)



Come along and start your day with some fun
fitness on the playground with Mrs Brooks



Disney Dance Club

We are delighted to be running our **Disney** themed Dance Club for children in Reception – Year 6 starting in the Summer term. Dance Club is designed to increase fitness, coordination and stamina, whilst also being lots of fun.

Dance club will run after school on Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm starting Tuesday 20th April and each session costs £5.50 (full details can be found on the website). **We accept all childcare vouchers and payments can be made in instalments.**

We will follow all Government guidance about keeping everyone safe.

If you would like to join the fun please visit www.rattleandrollperformance.com where you can sign up using our online registration system. You will need to register your child and then add the class to your basket. Use code **DAWIPS1** to go straight to this class.

If you would like more information or have any questions please contact us on enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com or call **07722 014 301**.

Thank you and best wishes,

Katy Emmerson
Rattle and Roll

After School Sports Club



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we are now heading towards the summer months, we can finally get outside in warm weather (hopefully). The club will run from the **22nd of April 2021** through to the **27th of May 2021**. Any queries, please don't hesitate to ask.

The programme and dates are detailed below;

ROUNDERS – Every Thursday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Payment Options;

Single Session = £8 / full 6-week programme = £40

Many Thanks,

S Clements

Contact Number: 07807603905

Samuel Clements

Contact Email: Info@clementsmultisports.com



I give permission for (Childs Name)
to attend the (sport) session(s). I have made the payment
of £..... to the account of **S CLEMENTS** (account number: **29936861**,
sort code: **54-21-47**) with the reference being my child's name to secure my place
or will pay cash on the day. I will also pick my child up from the **SCHOOL** at the
end of the session which will be at **4:30pm** or I have ticked this box to allow my
child to walk home alone.

Disabilities/Allergies: Contact Number:
.....

Parent/Guardian Signature:Date:

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP BY 21/4/21