Ardeley St Lawrence C of E Primary School

**Newsletter**

16 July 2021

Dear Parents

**Good news…**

We are so very proud of all of these children; showing wonderful attitudes and working hard! Well done everyone!

EYFS Star of the Week: Mason – for being a good and kind friend

ORANGE MERIT: Isaac

GREEN MERIT: Eden, Filip, Stan G

BLUE MERIT: Zach, Eliza, Dougie, Joshua, Woody, Lenny, Laylah, Henry, Sophia, Ayva, Tobie, Amelie, Lillie-May

RAINBOW: Lacey, Mei

GOLD: Evie, Harley, Lacey

LUNCHTIME STARS: Olivia, Cameron & Stan G

Thank you for attending our Sports Afternoons! It was so lovely to see everyone and the children had a wonderful time, I hope you did too. Thank you so much for your donations which came to slightly over £150, which is fantastic!

**COVID Update – September**

Arrangements for September have been announced but are currently not very detailed and I am, of course, aware that they could change, as has happened so many times in the last 18 months. I am sending another letter via Wisepay which details the change in the track & tracing of close contacts at school.

We know that in autumn lots of children get other viruses that may make them feel unwell and have some of the COVID symptoms. Children with ANY Covid symptoms would still need to have a PCR test before they can return to school and they and the whole household should isolate until they get the result.

You may wish to collect some LFD tests which are currently freely available and may be useful in the Autumn term for peace of mind with children who are ‘under the weather’!

Other arrangements:

* The drop off and collection systems will remain as they are, as these have worked so well.
* Full uniform will be back in place and expected. No logos on leggings or cycling shorts please and all items should be in school colours. The only exception to this will be Forest School sessions. Please see the School Uniform page under the ‘Parents’ tab of the school website.
* PE & Forest School sessions will continue as they are for September, apart from the first 2 days back. Please see the rota below.
* In a school our size, the bubble system has not made big changes to how the children work and play so there may not be noticeable changes. Behind the scenes we will be continuing with our cleaning and use of HEPA air filters and CO2 monitors.
* PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS IN LATE AUGUST – any changes will be emailed out then.

I am very aware that any bubble closure from now on would mean children missing the end of term. I very much hope we can continue on through the last 2 days; however, we will of course take whatever action we are asked to, in the event of cases in school and we will not be altering any of our bubble arrangements for the last day of term. **Schools are responsible for track and tracing close contacts for the first week of the holidays – PLEASE do not send your child in next week if they are not feeling well. Thank you so much to everyone who has kept on the side of caution – this has, in some cases, meant we have avoided having to close bubbles.**

**Rota…**

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| **THE FIRST THURSDAY BACK ALL CHILDREN CAN COME IN PE KIT AND WILL HAVE A 1 HOUR LESSON WITH Mr Fitzgerald ACROSS THE DAY.****Week A –** 2nd & 3rd September  |
|  | Thursday - PE |
|  | EYFS | LKS2 | KS1 | UKS2 |

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| **Week B** – 6th -10th September |
| Tuesday – Forest School Session | Thursday - PE |
| UKS2 (1 hr) | LKS2 | KS1 | EYFS  |

**September events…**

In September we are hoping to do a sponsored walk as part of our initial ‘Step Up September’ as the children make connections with their new classes and teachers. Keep your eyes open for details in September!

**Staffing…**

Mrs Costa has been offered a job at a Secondary school, working with pupils who need extra help. She has given 9 years of wonderful service to the school and we wish her well in her exciting new role!

**Finally…**

Our last day of term is Tuesday 20th July. We have our Leavers’ events on this day and a slightly earlier finish for everyone, meaning collection is from 2.15 to 2.30pm.

I know every single member of staff would like to extend their thanks to you all for helping us work through these last 18 months. It has been challenging but we have come through so strongly as a community. Our thanks for all your support. You also have my heartfelt thanks for helping us keep everybody as safe as possible.

Please have a lovely summer, hopefully with some sun.

with all my best wishes,

Mrs Connolly

 **TERM DATES**

**END OF THIS SUMMER TERM 2.15-2.30pm Tuesday 20 July**

**INSET DAY 1 September**

**AUTUMN TERM STARTS 2 September**

**NURSERY START 6 September**

**INSET DAY 22 October**

**AUTUMN HALF TERM 25 – 29 October**

**END OF AUTMN TERM 17 December**

**INSET DAYS 20 & 21 December**

**SPRING TERM STARTS 5 January**

**SPRING HALF TERM 14 – 18 February**

**END OF SPRING TERM 1 April**

**EASTER HOLIDAY 4 April – 18 April**

**SUMMER TERM STARTS 19 April**

**BANK HOLIDAY 2 May**

**WHITSUN HALF TERM 30 May – 3 June**

**END OF SUMMER TERM 20 July**

There is another bank holiday next year for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, which has been announced and falls in the Whitsun Half Term. There has been discussion around schools being able to add another day to their holidays; however we are still awaiting confirmation of this. We will advise you of any changes to Term Dates as soon as possible.