



Principal's message

Just over a year ago, on March 20th 2020, I wrote to inform you that the school was closing its doors to the majority of pupils. By contrast, and as a result of our pulling together as a school community, and making every effort to behave safely, it now feels as if we are entering a period of renewed hope: that we will be able to begin to return to doing the things we enjoy, and spend more time with family and friends.

Children and staff have worked hard since school reopened on March 8th 2021, but it has been without doubt a tough period, where many have felt unsettled and anxious, and when not all pupils have been able to access full-time classroom learning due to positive cases and bubble closures. I hope that you all get some good rest and relaxation over the Easter holiday period, and return invigorated for an action packed Summer Term.

For the 13 and a half weeks of the Summer Term, there will be a strong focus on academic learning, to ensure the children catch up and cover as much as possible of their programmes of study, and so are ready for the next stage in their education by the time July 27th comes. There will be no statutory 2021 assessment in EYFS, Y1, KS1 or KS2, but we will continue to carry out teacher assessments and make sure they are accurate through internal moderation sessions for staff, and we will continue to give the children experience of tests, using past papers.

For the summer term, on Friday afternoons, we will continue to provide places for children of working parents in Rainbow Hub. In addition to this, there will be targeted intervention sessions for all classes in all year groups – these are by invitation and you will receive letters inviting your child to take part. Teachers will take their PPA time on Friday afternoons, and additional cleaning will take place throughout school. Remote learning on a Friday will be Epic reading and Purple Mash .

As the weather improves, we also plan to make best use of our wonderful school grounds – for Commando Joe's, and Adventure Days, and Sports Week; to recommence swimming lessons; to get creative and dream big on our Creative Craftspeople and Amazing Architects Days; to make sure Year 6 have a great send-off party; to plant and grow, and improve our environment; and to have a Fun Summer Festival to end the school year.

I wish you a happy Easter holiday with plenty of fresh air, sunshine and family fun!

Ms Bromley



Egg hunt

Spot the six eggs hidden in this weeks newsletter.

Drop off and collection

Times and routines for drop off and collection will remain the same for the Summer Term

Main gates EYFS only

Nursery 8:30am - 11:30am

Nursery 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Reception 8:30am - 2:50pm

Fridays 8.30am - 11.50am

Hilcot Drive and Minver Gates

KS1 and KS2 and Nest

Drop off 8:40 - 9:00am

Collection 3:00 -3:15pm

Fridays 12.00 - 12.15pm

Rainbow and Intervention groups 3.00 - 3.15pm

Upcoming Diary Dates:

19th April	First day of summer term
3rd May	Bank holiday Monday
31st May— 4th June	Summer half term
28th June	INSET day (school closed to all children)
27th July	Last day of summer term

Comic Relief

We managed to raise £900 From selling red noses and donations. Thank you to everyone who took part.

