



Dear Parents / Carers

I am not quite sure where the time has gone! We are only three weeks away from the summer break. It has been yet another eventful year due to the Coronavirus. We started in September feeling hopeful that restrictions in place would not last long and that we would return to normal quite quickly. As we now know, this has not been the case. I want to thank all of you for your understanding and support throughout the year. I would also like to pay tribute and say thank you to the children. They have been nothing short of remarkable with their positive attitudes and resilience to keep on going, no matter what was happening around them.

I am sure you will also join me in thanking all the staff, they have gone over and above this year to ensure that your children get the best possible education, including the periods of school closure. All of this, despite the pressure of dealing with a global pandemic.

We still do not know exactly what September holds, but with the number of people receiving the vaccine we are more hopeful than ever that things will return to normal. We will communicate with you as soon as we have confirmation of our arrangements. Please make sure we have your correct contact details and that you have signed up to MarvellousMe this way you can be sure to receive the latest information.

Transition (including new classes)

We have now reached that time when we begin to get ready for next year. Due to the pandemic, the classes in school have been kept the same over the last two years. However, from September we will return to our normal practice of mixing pupils into new classes.

Children will find out the name of their new class before we break up. Normally, they would get the chance to spend some time in their new class with their new class teacher, however, due to class bubbles being in place we are not able to do that this year. Although, we are not able to complete the activities as we would like, the children will

- Receive a letter from their new teacher
- Have summer activities to get them ready for the next year
- Have an assembly with the teachers from their new year group
- Have class story time with their new teacher
- Enjoy outdoor activities provided by the new class teachers (weather permitting)

The lessons that were planned for transition days will now be delivered in the first week of the Autumn Term

School Timings From September

Although we do not yet have confirmation regarding the measures we will need to have in place, we have decided that we will change the start and end times so that 2 year groups will arrive and leave at the same time.

Year 3 and 4 will arrive at **8.50am*** and finish school at **3.10pm**

Year 5 and 6 will arrive at **9.00am** and finish school at **3.20pm**

*Pupils in year 5 and 6 who have a brother or sister in Year 3 or 4 will be able to arrive at 8.50 and go straight into school.

School Reports

Children's school reports will be sent out to all pupils next week. Please contact your child's class teacher should you wish to discuss the contents of the report.

Trips and Activities

The teachers have been busy planning enrichment activities to make sure the end of term is as memorable as possible.

Year 3 will be creating their own film and having a 'fair' day on the school field. They will also be helping to welcome the year 2 pupils to Pear Tree Community Junior School.

Year 4 are visiting Twin Lakes on Wednesday 14th July

Year 5 are having a 'Greek' Day and a silent disco

Year 6 are Visiting West Midlands Safari Park on Tuesday 13th July

All activities have been fully risk assessed in the usual way, as well as considering how to manage the risks of covid 19.

School Dinner Money Increase

Regrettably we are having to increase the daily cost of school meals from September 2021. We have been able to keep the current cost for over two years, unfortunately this will need to increase to £2.20 per day which will be £11.00 per week.



Parent Questionnaire

Next week we will be sending out a parent questionnaire by text and MarvellousMe to ask for your opinions about the school. We are always keen to find out what our parents think, so please fill it in we really value your feedback. We use your feedback to help us develop what we do in school.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 12th July
W/B 12th July
Thursday 22nd July

Reports to parents
Sports week
Last day of school year

2021 -22

Thursday 2nd September
Friday 3rd September

INSET Day School Closed to Pupils
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Monday 6th September

Children Return to School for the start of Autumn Term

Friday 17th September

Transform Trust INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Friday 22nd October
Monday 1st November

End of Autumn 1st half term
Children Return to School for the start of Autumn 2nd half term

Thursday 23 December

End of Autumn 2nd half term (Break up for the Christmas Holidays)



SUMMER SAFETY



CHECKLIST



General Safety

- ✓ Don't talk to strangers
- ✓ Let an adult know where you are
- ✓ Know your contact information
- ✓ Don't do silly things to impress others



Road Safety

- ✓ Stop and find a safe place to cross
- ✓ Look and listen all around for traffic
- ✓ Cross once clear
- ✓ Keep looking and listening

Water Safety



- ✓ Only swim where a lifeguard is present
- ✓ Make sure a grown up is watching



Bike Safety

- ✓ Be safe: Be Seen
- ✓ Always wear a helmet
- ✓ Check the brakes work

Sun Safety



- ✓ Wear sun cream
- ✓ Wear a hat
- ✓ Drink plenty of water

E Safety



- ✓ Don't post personal information
- ✓ Think Carefully before posting photos/videos
- ✓ Keep privacy settings as high as possible
- ✓ Never give out your password
- ✓ Don't befriend someone you do not know
- ✓ Think carefully about what you say
- ✓ Show respect