

2021/22 Academic Year Information (17/6/21)

As we are approaching the end of the summer term, our thoughts turn to the new academic year, I thought it would be useful to collate some of the key points together.

School Uniform: Please order from the links on the [website](#). You will notice it has been updated in line with the parent survey, as well as taking on board the recent government recommendations.

Educational Visits: These have been planned for the next academic year: Details for each visit will be available nearer the time. The first visit to the outdoor sports centre is already on [Wise Pay](#) and tweeted on class twitter feeds as it is in September. We thought it would be a lovely way to start the school year.

Educational Visits			
As a result of the stakeholder survey we are now able to plan ahead for the next year. Autumn term trips are available on Wise Pay at the moment and voluntary contributions need to be paid by the 12 th July please. Costs and details of other visits will come out at least one month before the visit takes place.			
Class	Autumn 2021	Spring 2022	Summer 2022
Mixed KS1	High Ham Woods (R,1,2)	Wells cathedral (Approx cost@£10) (R,1)	Magdalen Farm (Approx cost@£14) (R,1,2)
Mixed	Water sport (£19.50 on Wise Pay now) (3,4)	Secret World (Approx cost@£12) (2,3,4)	High Ham Woods (3,4)
Upper KS2	Water sports (£19.50 on Wise Pay now) (5,6)	Carymoor Environmental Trust (Approx cost@£13) (5,6)	Low Ham History Hut day trip Plus a residential (Approx cost £285, deposit of £50 paid by end of Nov 2021 and full payment by the end of May 2022) (5,6)

Class Structure: As you are aware there are seven primary year groups and we have six classes. Therefore, each year we look at how best to organise the school. Numbers often fluctuate at this time of year, with people moving in/out of the area. If you are planning on moving before the new school year, please let the office know so we can take that into consideration when setting the structure.

Hot School Meals: The autumn term menu is now available to order from on the school [website](#).

Homework Policy: In response to our stakeholder survey this has been updated and a [new copy](#) is on the website.

Individual Pupil Diaries: In response to the suggestions on the recent stakeholder survey, we have updated these and they will be given out at the start of the new year. There is lots more room to add messages between the teacher/parents.

New Reception Induction: A [letter](#) is on the new starters page of the website regarding the induction programme.

Start of School Day: The same system we have now will stay in place with two members of school staff at the front gate. The new Reception class can walk to the classroom on their own or with their parents/carers for the first month should they wish and we will open the side gate to keep the one-way system for the parents to leave.

End of School Day: In the new school year, we will need to go back to the normal end to the school day (3.30pm for all classes). However, as we are all only too aware that six weeks is a long time and guidelines may change during our summer break we will not be making the change until the second week of term.

Therefore for everyone's first week (not Reception who have a separate induction programme) the end of the day will be A,C,E 3.15pm and M,O and W at 3.30pm. Our aim will then be to reinstate the 3.30pm pick up from week two. I hope this helps with your planning.

Wraparound Care - Information from Mrs Peppard: We are delighted to be able to continue to operate, thank you for your support with our new systems. Pre-booking is essential as is picking up or dropping off only at the allocated times. Our booking form as well as times/prices and direct contact details are available on the [school website](#).

After School Teacher Clubs: We plan to reintroduce these at some point next year but I am not in a position to plan this at the moment. There are plans though within the CLP to start putting into place some sports fixtures. In the new term we are also looking into the possibility of inviting some students to stay after school so that they can benefit from completing some learning tasks. As soon as we know more we will be in touch.

Staffing: Congratulations to Miss Sanford who has secured a new teaching post in Taunton to start as soon as she finishes covering for Mrs Drew's maternity leave at High Ham.

Reports: The end of year written reports will be emailed in batches, please check class twitter feeds. You may have noticed on the website calendar it says reports will start to be emailed on the week beginning Monday 5th July. You will be asked to reply via a google form so that we know you have received it.

Face Masks: As we do not know for sure what will be advised over the summer, I suggest that we continue to wear masks at drop off/pick up times as social distancing cannot be observed. Then once the Government makes a statement from week two in the autumn term we can look at changing things. However, I would anticipate that some people may choose to wear a mask once restrictions are lifted if it makes them feel more comfortable when meeting lots of people where social distancing cannot be observed. As a school, we would support staff/parents making their own choice.

Final Details For Next Year: The staffing and class structure will be circulated after the school reports during the last few weeks of term.

DBS For Helpers: We will need to redo these for most people but until we have events planned that need parent helpers, we will not be processing any.

