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Thursday 2nd September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year, 2021/22, and a particularly warm welcome to you if you are new to our school.

Thank you for your patience this morning as everyone adjusted to the new waiting areas and procedures for dropping children off at school each morning.

As a reminder, children need to be on the playground, ready to enter school as follows:

- **08.30 – for all children in KS2** (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) - Puffins and Kingfishers enter through KS1 doors and remaining classes through KS2 doors.
- **08.45 – for all KS1 children** (Years 1 & 2) + **new Reception children from 8th September** onwards, once their phased introduction to school has been completed. Robins & Owls will enter through KS1 doors and Wrens will enter through KS2 doors from tomorrow to ease congestion in the corridor areas. All Reception children will be met by their class teachers on the playground and walked to the Early Years classrooms.

The gate to the playground will be opened at 08.20 for KS2 to enter and wait. However, children need to be supervised by an adult until school staff open the school doors at 08.30.

It would be helpful if KS1 and Reception children (without KS2 siblings) could wait until after 08.35 before coming onto the playground please, just to keep numbers of people on the playground to a minimum.

Please could we also ask that all parents and carers say goodbye to their children on the playground and leave them to walk to their entry door independently, so that we don't inadvertently create an obstruction directly in front of the main entrances into school – thank you.

Some of you may have spotted our new School caretaker this morning, Mr Pryce, who will be responsible for opening the main gate each morning at 08.20.

Message & Communications

- Y1 – Y6 - For anything non-urgent you can post messages to your child's class teacher via Seesaw. Class Teaching Assistants will check Seesaw first thing each morning for any messages.
- Reception – please email your messages for our EYFS staff to EYFS@meadows.shropshire.sch.uk Our Early Years staff will check this inbox first thing each morning for any messages from parents/carers.
- If you have a message of a more urgent nature that arises during the day, for example a change to who is picking your child up at the end of school, then please make sure that you telephone these type of messages through to the School Office on 656080 to ensure that staff receive them.

Updates to Personal Information

Please let us know if you have changed any of your emergency contact telephone numbers or if you have moved house over the holidays so that we can update our records.

Asthma Inhalers

For your child's safety, we ask for all children who are on our whole school asthma register to have two inhalers in school. One is kept in the child's classroom in the lime green asthma bag and the other is kept in the School Office as an emergency back-up. Please ensure that all inhalers (and the cardboard boxes) are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Annual Permissions Update 2021-2022 (Y1 – Y6 only)

Please complete the annual update of school permissions form for the 2021-2022 school year and return to school as soon as possible please.

Medical Information Update 2021-2022 (Y1 – Y6 only)

We are requesting that all parents complete and return this annual medical update form to us as soon as possible, so that we can update our database. This information is required for all children, so please complete and return to school, even if your child does not suffer from any pre-existing medical conditions or allergies.

P.E. Kits

We are continuing to ask that all children to come to school dressed in their PE kits on the days of the week that they have PE. They will remain in their PE kit throughout the day. All class teachers will be letting you know which days are the children's PE days within the next few days.

As a reminder, our school PE kit comprises of the following items:

- A white round-necked t-shirt
- Plain navy blue shorts or navy blue tracksuit bottoms
- School sweatshirt or cardigan
- White socks
- Sports trainers

As we continue to be advised to undertake the majority of our physical education sessions outside wherever possible, a suitable, warm, waterproof coat (that your child can easily move around in for sports activities) and possibly even a warm hat and gloves too would be advisable in the colder weather. Please note that all earrings should be removed prior to P.E. lessons. If your child is unable to do this independently, then earrings should be removed at home, prior to school.

Holidays in Term Time

Given the amount of time that children have lost as a result of the disruption to education caused by the pandemic, it is even more important than ever for children to achieve full school attendance and catch up on lost learning time. Please could we ask that you take note of this year's term dates at the end of this letter and organise family holidays during school holiday periods and on PD days. **Family holidays taken in term time in 2021-22 will be unauthorised and will result in each parent being fined separately by the Local Authority.**

Absence from school can only be granted by Headteachers in 'exceptional circumstances'*.

**'Exceptional circumstances' are likely to be:*

- *where the event is highly unlikely to occur again in a child's school life; i.e. family wedding,*
- *it is necessary for the child to be in attendance at the event;*
- *the event cannot be organised outside of the school term;*
- *the event is necessary to the health and well-being of the child.*

Any request for leave of absence during term time should be made using the appropriate form (available on the school website) to the Headteacher as soon as possible and no less than two weeks prior to the event.

Thank you for reading to the end of such a long letter. If you have any queries about any of the information contained within this letter, please do not hesitate to come and ask a member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Karen Morris

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Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021	
Term Begins	Thursday 2nd September 2021
First half term ends	Thursday 21 st October 2021
Half term holiday	Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October 2021
Second half term begins	Monday 1 st November 2021
Term Ends	Friday 17th December 2021
P.D. Days	Wednesday 1st September 2021 Friday 22 nd October 2021

Christmas Holidays: Monday 20th December 2021 – Monday 3rd January 2022

Spring Term 2022	
Term Begins	Wednesday 5th January 2022
First half term ends	Friday 18 th February 2022
Half term holiday	Monday 21 st February – Friday 25 th February 2022
Second half term begins	Tuesday 1 st March 2022
Term Ends	Thursday 7th April 2022
P.D. Days	Tuesday 4 th January 2022 Monday 28 th February 2022 Friday 8 th April 2022

Easter Holidays: Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April 2022

Summer Term 2022	
Term Begins	Monday 25th April 2022
First half term ends	Friday 27 th May 2022
Half term holiday	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2022
Second half term begins	Monday 6 th June 2022
Term Ends	Thursday 20th July 2022
P.D. Days	None

May Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May 2022

Bank Holidays for Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June 2022

Summer Holidays: Thursday 21st July – Friday 2nd September 2022

(Monday 5th September 2022 will be a PD day, so new academic year 2022-2023 begins for children on Tuesday 6th September 2022)

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT DATES FOR NEXT YEAR - 2021-2022

- Year 2 – End of Key Stage 1 SATs – 1st – 27th May 2022
- Year 6 SATs – 9th – 13th May 2022
- Year 1 (and some Year 2 children) Phonics Screening Check – 6th - 10th June 2022
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – 6th – 24th June 2022

OTHER KEY DATES

- Year 5 Residential Trip to Arthog Outdoor Education Centre – 16th – 18th March 2022
- Year 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood Colomendy – 16th – 18th May 2022