

12 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a restful half term break and enjoyed the beautiful weather. It is extremely hot at the moment and it is important that your children keep hydrated - please send them in each day with fresh water in a named bottle. Please only provide water and not fruit juices. Please also provide a named sunhat and apply sun cream before school.

Early morning interventions

We are currently offering early morning interventions for some children who need it. We are so fortunate to have staff who are providing these sessions before the school day and spend time preparing for them. It is wonderful to see so many children arriving on time and benefitting from the support. It is, however, disappointing when children don't turn up or arrive late. Please try to bring your child to these sessions. Unfortunately if your child misses three sessions we will have to offer it to another child who also needs additional support. Please could we also remind you that it is so important that you continue to support learning at home. We do understand that you are all very busy and possibly felt that the lockdown learning was enough, however it is vital that children read every day, hear high quality stories and follow up on any home learning. Thank you, your support is very much appreciated and will help your children with any lost learning.

Swimming and DBS checks

Thank you to so many of you who have completed your DBS checks and offered to help with swimming. Please remember to bring your DBS certificate to the school office when you receive it so that we can take a copy and add you to our list of approved parent helpers. We are all crossing our fingers that we will be able to swim this term. The pool is ready and looking lovely and the pupils in the Junior school have started their lessons. Unfortunately we have a different situation here at the Infants' school. We depend heavily on parental support to help our young children in the changing rooms and in the pool and therefore we are waiting for the government announcement on social distancing, hopefully we will know more on Monday 14th. We will then communicate more to you about the plan for swimming.

Revised Menu attached

We have made a few changes to the menu after sharing feedback, including that of the children, with the chef. Attached is the new menu. This will start on Monday (14th June) - week 3. Please note that jacket potatoes will only be served on Tuesdays.

Class photos

If you ordered a class photo you should have received it in your child's blue bag. Please contact the School Office if you would like to order any additional copies or have any questions and we will put you in touch with the photographer.

Relationship Education

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the survey on the new Relationship Education policy. It is so important that we consult with parents on such an important subject. We will send out a summary of the questions and our responses early

next week, we will also send out the revised policy which our governors worked on with us today. There will then be an opportunity to come in to school to look at some of the material we use and to ask further questions.

Update from CHIPTA

Summer Mufti days for ice lollies

All children are invited to wear mufti summer clothes to school and enjoy an ice lolly provided by CHIPTA on all three of the following dates in exchange for a donation (£1 recommended minimum on each occasion) towards classroom resources. Donation buckets will be at the school gate for your contributions:

Friday 18th June

Friday 2nd July

Friday 16th July

Online AGM 2021- Everyone is invited to join the CHIPTA annual general meeting on Friday 9 July at 10am. A link will follow nearer the time, please join to have your say and for an update.

CHIPTA Linktree - Please see <https://linktr.ee/CHIPTA> which shares all the important CHIPTA links and upcoming dates

Kingston Heritage Service and Tour Guide Postcard Competition

Just before half term the children in Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a virtual tour of Kingston led by qualified tour guide and friend of the school, Carole McGrath. All the children then created lovely pieces of art inspired by Kingston landmarks. One piece of art from each class was entered into a competition to design a postcard celebrating Kingston, organised by the Kingston Heritage Service and open to all the borough schools.

Very well done to Lola from Hedgehog Class who was runner up in the Year 1 competition! You will be able to see her entry on our website soon.

School Health team - Parent drop in sessions - Tuesday 15 June

Please find attached a flyer giving details of the next parent drop in session with Denise Johnson of the School Health team. You can bring queries about your child's emotional and physical health and you will receive advice, support and, where appropriate, signposting and referral to other services.

Please also find attached a guide to Educational Wellbeing Practitioners for parents of primary school children from Achieving for Children as well as information about the Fatherhood Institute charity and a link to it's report on Lockdown Fathers.

We hope you have a good weekend and enjoy the sunshine, and the football!

Warm regards

Janet Berry