

# Leigh on Mendip School

Newsletter 27 - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021



With the good news laid out by the Government in terms of moving on to the next stage of the Roadmap, we have been able to make a few changes in school. The Department for Education has updated their guidance and we are therefore reviewing our risk assessments. Most of the regulations still need to stay in place at the moment which include the children in Years 1 to 5 sitting in rows, a staggered start and end to the day, the pupils working in bubbles and staff wearing masks around the site (although not while teaching). However we are now able to allow children to form key stage bubbles when outside on the playground or field and the other positive step for the summer term is that we can also go on school trips. Each class is planning one for Term 6; more details to follow!

We have had confirmation that the building works to create our new classroom will start on the 24<sup>th</sup> May. We are hopeful that there will be minimal disruption in school; a proportion of the playground will be taken over and secured around the building site but the children will be able to move around the school as usual. We are lucky to have so much green space to use for playtimes and are crossing our fingers for good weather. Please can you ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school as we are likely to use the field even when the grass is wet. Parking during this time might be challenging as the pub is also having building work to fix their roof and their car park will be closed to the public. It would be helpful if you were able to walk to school if you lived in the village, this would ease congestion. If you do need to drive and find no space outside school, please do use the village hall car park.

You might have heard from your child that we have made a change to the way we reward children for their fantastic behaviour. Children in Starling and Swallow Class now receive a 'rainbow token' when they show good attitudes to learning as well as kind and caring behaviour towards others. When they receive a token they can then colour in a stripe on their individual rainbow. Once their rainbow is complete they will receive a certificate and once all the children in the class have a complete rainbow, they will receive a previously chosen class treat. This will also be rolled out in Kingfisher and Robins Class in the near future.

Children in Starling Class had a very wet trip to Forest School this week. Despite the weather they had a fantastic time clearing and preparing the site ready for the rest of the school to use before the summer holidays. We are very happy for the whole community to use our Forest School but do request you leave the site as you found it and take your rubbish home.



**Mrs Phillips**

**Mr Turull**



### Diary Dates for the Summer Term

#### EACH WEEK

- Monday AM - Swimming lessons for Starling Class and PE for children in Robins Preschool.  
PM - Violin lesson for Swallow Class and PE for Kingfisher Class and Swallow Class.  
After school Sports Club for children in Kingfisher and Starling Class until 4.15pm
- Tuesday After school Sunflower Club for children in Kingfisher and Starling Class until 4.15pm
- Wednesday PM - PE for children in Swallow Class  
After school Elliart Club for children in Swallow Class until 4.30pm
- Thursday After school Elliart Club for children in Kingfisher and Starling Class until 4.30pm
- Friday AM - PE for children in Starling Class  
After school Yoga Club for children in Starling Class until 4.15pm

#### May

- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> School photographer, Mr Nigel Coles, hopes to be taking class photographs 1pm  
(*this session had to be postponed due to bad weather*)  
FOLS Meeting at 8pm
- Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Governors virtual meeting 6.30 - 8pm
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> FOLS Plant Sale 11am - 3pm outside The Bell Inn
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Building work starts for the new classroom, office and hall extensions
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Life Education Bus visits the school for class workshops. Last day of term 5

#### June

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> First day of term 6
- Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Afternoon event for parents of children joining the reception year in September 2021
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Arts Week with exciting plans for visiting artists and workshops during the week
- Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Swallow Class visit to Liberty Gymnastics  
Governors virtual meeting 6.30 - 8pm
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> School photographer, Mr Nigel Coles will be taking a whole school photograph\*

#### July

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sports Day - or alternatively 12<sup>th</sup> July for this weather dependent event
- Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Transfer Afternoon - everyone moves up a year to experience their class in September  
New reception year children will be in school 1.30pm - 3pm\*
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> All parents/carers invited to come and see their child's work in school 1.30pm - 3pm
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Swallow Class production - 2pm performance in the Memorial Hall\*
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Swallow Class production - 6pm performance in the Memorial Hall\*
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> End of Year Celebration Assembly at 9.30pm in the Memorial Hall\*  
Last day of term 6

*\*these events are dependent on COVID restrictions in place from June. More details to follow ASAP*