



Summer Term Newsletter

End of Week 7 of 13

Friday May 28th 2021



Dear parents/carers

Half term has concluded and staff and children are looking forward to a well-earned break. It looks like we may even get some sunshine. For those of you not fortunate enough to be on holiday from work next week, I do hope you get to spend some lovely time with your children.

Since school reopened in March, there has been a growing mood of buoyancy and hope in school. We have had no positive test results amongst children or staff and although we are still being careful there is definitely a feeling that school life is more normal than in Autumn. None of us, however, should forget the terrible impact that this pandemic has had and is still having. Many of the wider Shotley Bridge Primary School family have seen worry, fear and illness in our loved ones. Some have lost loved ones as a result of this pandemic. We will continue to keep your children safe and to instill in them good routines and habits for a healthy life and we will continue to be hopeful that there be no more illness and loss.

Looking forward

Clubs. Some after school clubs will resume. Hopefully we will be back to a full complement of after school sporty and creative clubs for the whole school in September.

Trips are being booked in the hope they will be allowed to go ahead.

We will not be taking part in any residential with outside providers this term. They will restart after the summer. Y6 however, may have a school-sleep-over treat if it is allowed to go ahead.

Transition arrangements are being planned for every year-group within school.

Discussions are taking place between our Y6 staff and staff from schools we feed to. Any child moving on from SBPS has handovers from our school to their new school.

After half-term holiday we will ensure our Y2 children get lots of opportunities to visit their new Y3 building. They will have lots of fun whenever they visit the Snows Green Road site, playing in the big sand-pit, climbing on the climbing frame, exploring our woodland and generally enjoying the lovely outdoor space. They will also spend time inside the building and get to meet new teaching staff.

Parents do not need to change routines for these visits. They will happen often and Y2 children will still begin and end these days in their normal site.

Our new, September, Reception starters will learn more about their new school. Reception staff are already visiting nurseries. Today, new starters will get their virtual tour of school and we plan to hold Teddy Bears' Picnic visits for all our new Reception starters in the coming half-term.

Nice weather? Once it starts to get hot, please do send your children into school suitably dressed and with a hat. Children are also allowed to bring in their own sun-cream to top up when needed.

Summer events We hope to be able to run some traditional summer events such as sports' days. At present these are likely to go ahead without parents/carers being able to attend.

See you all in a week's time.

Mr Bell

Calendar of Events to July 2021

Please note some dates may change and hopefully **LOTS** of other dates will be added throughout the year.

Dates	Event
12 th April	First day of Summer term.
Mon 3 rd May	Bank Holiday.
Thurs 6 th May	SBPJuniors Only!! Remote learning day. Building closed for Juniors for Polling station
Monday 10 th May	Parents/carers consultations for Classes 3,5,7,9,14
Tuesday 11 th May	Parents/carers consultations Classes 2,6,8,12,13
Thursday 13 th May	Parents/carers consultations Classes 1,4,10,11
31 st May to 5 th June	Half term holiday.
11 th June	Y6 Leavers photo day (Whole-school photos 2 nd December)
June TBC	Y6 children resume swimming lessons.
18 th June	Y6 day trip to Whickham Thornes. Possible school sleep-over.
21 st June	Y4 day trip to Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda
29 th June	Y3 day trip to Broomley Grange activity centre
16 th July.	Last day of summer term.
19 th and 20 th July	Inset days for staff. School closed to children.