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Dear Parents / Carers,

What a year! Who could have predicted the last 16 months?

Last September we started a new school year with a whole range of restrictions and a totally different way of working to that we had been used to. However, many of us naively thought that in a few months we would start to return to school life as we knew it - how wrong were we? A school year later and we still live with the disruptive reality of a pandemic.

On reflection, this year has really made us live out our school motto of 'Learning Together to be the best that we can.' Not a week has gone by where there hasn't been a curve ball thrown in or another bend in the road. We haven't always had the answers right away, but we've got there in the end by learning together. It has been a privilege to lead the Nathaniel Newton family through this most difficult of times because during the good and bad, we've worked it through together.

The children have been an absolute credit to both their families and our school family with their never-ending resilience and ability to accept change at the drop of a hat - working at school to working at home and back again with very little notice. I couldn't be prouder of each and everyone of them and I can only hope that they can be furnished with the joys of a much more normal school year next year.

Thank-you to all our parents, grandparents, and wider families who have supported us throughout this year. Your adherence to guidelines at the beginning and end of the day has enabled our school to be as safe as we can possibly make it. Thank-you for the lovely comments we've received and for the suggestions that have been made. The whole staff team are incredibly appreciative.

Finally, thankyou to the whole staff team who despite their own feelings and family difficulties throughout this time have remained 100% committed to providing the children with wonderful opportunities throughout the year and a great education. Despite the restrictions the staff have worked incredibly hard to keep everyday in school as close as possible to 'normal' for the children.

Some parents have been asking questions about September and whilst I would love to be able to provide a definitive answer, we all know that 6 weeks is a long time in this pandemic and what we may think now may be very different to the reality in September. However, I would like to think that we won't need to keep the staggered start and finish times and we can revert back to our usual timings. This will mean there will be a 10-minute window in the morning for dropping children off between 8.45 - 8.55am with reception finishing at 3pm and year 1 and year 2 finishing at 3.05pm.

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It is more than likely that we will return to children requiring a P.E kit in school. I intend to write to parents on Thursday 2nd September detailing exactly what will be happening the following week when children return.

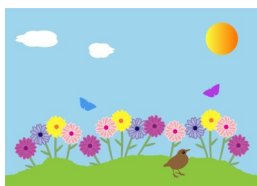
Positively, the pandemic has made us change the way we do many things and whilst some have been terrible, other changes have been positive and we will be keeping some of them. More details to follow in September.

As I close my message for the final time this year, I would like to take the opportunity to wish our Year 2 children all the very best for their futures as they leave us to start their new journey at junior school.

Despite the terrible times they have lived through, they have been an amazing year group and will be missed hugely next year.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Summer break and I look forward to seeing many of you in September.

Mrs Forshew, Headteacher.



Wednesday 21st July 2021 - Children break up for Summer Holidays.

Please see a list of school holiday dates at the end of this newsletter.



Here are top tips for keeping up with your child's reading over the summer holiday.

1. Sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge

Visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/summer-reading-challenge-2021>

2. Visit your local library

3. Internet Fun

Visit <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/> for lots of **free** eBooks to read.

Cbeebies - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories>

4. Reading to other members of the family

5. Den Building

Make reading exciting by building a den or hideout. Choose some books to read inside. Don't forget the torch!

6. Holiday Scrapbook/Diary

Create a scrap book or write a simple holiday diary. You will have a book full of memories that your child can read again and again.

7. Cooking

Find a recipe, read the list of ingredients together, visit the shops and read the food labels. Support your child to read the instructions as you make your favourite recipe.

8. Playing Outside

When in the garden or at the park play some fun games.
What does slide begin with? What is a word beginning with t? Spell your name!
Give me a word that rhymes with den!



Year R

This week the children have been writing their own versions of the story - The Three Little Pigs and have impressed the teachers with the super vocabulary used and use of phonics to help spell words. They had lots of fun racing on sports day and enjoyed cheering on their friends.

We are looking forward to a fun beach day next week to celebrate the end of our seaside topic.



I can't believe we are in the final week of the year. We have been so impressed with how well the children have coped this year, they have worked so hard, and we are very proud of them! A big thank you for all your support this year - have a lovely summer holiday.

Year 1

Year One have been enjoying the stories of Hansel and Gretel and the Elves and the

Shoemaker as part of our Traditional Tales topic. They have been telling the stories with puppets, and also written some super thank you cards to the Elves to thank them for all their hard work. After designing them, this week we will be making our own gingerbread houses - look out for the witch inside!



In Maths we have been focusing on learning the days of the week and Months of the year. The children have been answering problems such as "if today is Tuesday, what will the day be in two days time?" We have been out on the playground practising position and direction and using maths vocabulary such as whole turn, clockwise, half turn and anti-clockwise. Well done Year One.

It has been a very exciting week in Year One as the children went to visit their Year Two teachers on Friday. They were very much looking forward to it, along with playing on the Year Two side of the playground! At playtime we saw lots of very happy and excited children! We are now looking forward to enjoying the end of term together before a lovely summer holiday.

Year 2

What an amazing year! We've had so much fun with all our topics and you've all made great progress with your reading, writing and maths. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our lovely Year Two children for a super year. They have all worked so hard both in the classroom and at home during 'Lockdown Learning'. The teaching assistants, teachers and myself have had a wonderful year working with Year Two and we know they are now all ready for the challenge of Year Three. Good luck to all of you, please come back and visit us - we will miss you!



Please apply sun cream before school and send your child to school with a sun hat. Children will still need to wear sensible school shoes.



Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school.



Staff News

Farewell Mrs Saje

After 15 years of dedicated service to our school Mrs Saje has decided to take (very) Early Retirement from her post in the school office. Mrs Saje has been our friendly, knowledgeable lady at the 'front of house' and as such has ably supported a great many of you with a range of enquiries. She has absolutely loved talking to the children and helping them with a whole range of things and has especially missed not seeing the children bringing the registers to her morning and afternoon over the last 16 months as a result of the pandemic. Many a child arriving at the office a little upset in the morning has been comforted by Mrs Saje.



Mrs Saje will be spending more time with her family and will enjoy having more time to pursue her hobbies. However, she won't be a stranger to us as she has kindly offered to support us with events as a volunteer.

I know her daily presence will be missed by children, parents and staff alike in September.

Good-bye Mrs Peake

We say goodbye to Mrs Peake again this week after she returned to our school in March following her retirement last Summer to cover for Miss Huish's maternity leave. Mrs Peake's plan of travelling following her retirement was somewhat scuppered by Covid-19 which meant we were able to secure her services for the last half of the school year. Mrs Peake has enjoyed being back and it is lovely to hear such positivity from parents of children in Mrs Peake's class.

We wish Mrs Peake well for the future and hope she gets on those travels in the not-so-distant future!

Mrs Shilton

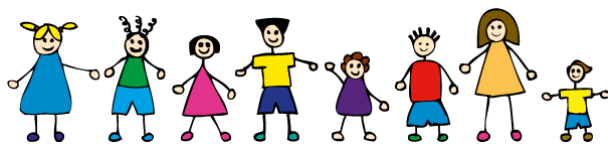
Mrs Shilton began her maternity leave at the end of June and as we close for the Summer, we await news of the imminent arrival of baby Shilton. We will update you in September.

Welcome Mrs Williams

We have been very lucky to have secured the services of Mrs Williams who is an experienced school office administrator who will take over from Mrs Saje in September. I'm sure you will join me in giving her a warm welcome to our school.

Welcome Miss Cooper

Miss Cooper will be joining us in September to cover Miss Huish's maternity leave until February 2022. Miss Cooper has been in school a couple of times already meeting her new Year 2 class. Again, I'm sure you will warmly welcome her to our school.



Attendance

Well done to all the children who have had good attendance this year.
Children will receive an attendance awards for this school year for the following —

Gold Award for 100% attendance for this school year. This is fantastic.

Silver Award for 98 - 99% attendance.

Bronze award for 96 - 97% attendance.

Sports Day

We held our annual Sports Day in year groups last Tuesday. Despite us sadly not being able to invite parents a great day was had by all. I think the highlight of the day for our Reception children was when rain stopped play for a short while and we all had to dash for shelter under the trees!!



This year instead of splitting children into 4 teams across the year group we stayed in our class teams. As Reception had a class missing, they split their classes in half to make 2 smaller teams from each class.

Without exception, across all year groups, it was wonderful to see children cheering their classmates on and giving it their best shot when they were called to take part in a race. None of the novelty races phased the children and they all had a go even if they hadn't take part in that particular race before.

The results were as follows:

Reception

1st - Red Team (Half of RLo) 56 points

2nd - Green Team (Half of RDH) 53 points

3rd - Blue Team (Half of RLo) 49 points

4th - Yellow Team (Half of RDH) 45 points

Year 1

1st - 1lr (yellow team) 91 points

2nd - 1SL (red team) 81 points

3rd - 1Fu (green team) 74 points

Year 2

1st - 2Fo (red team) 86 points

2nd - 2McG (yellow team) 84 points

3rd - 2Bi (green team) 82 points

Questionnaire

Thank-you to everyone who has kindly completed our parent/carer questionnaire. To date we have had 92 responses. The questionnaire will close at the end of the day on Tuesday. We will contact the prize drawer winners on Wednesday.

If you haven't already, I strongly urge you to follow the link sent out on MyEd to complete the questionnaire. It will only take a few minutes.

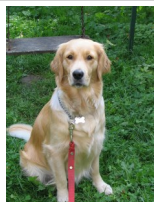
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to safeguarding and
promoting the welfare of
children and young people
and expects all staff,
volunteers and parents
to share this commitment**



Waverley
Safeguarding

The designated Safeguarding leaders in this school are Mrs Forshaw, Mrs Taroni and Miss Telford. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact them via the school office.

Please do not bring dogs onto the school site carried or walking.



Milk

If your child is over 5 and you would like them to have school milk please register for milk for the new term if you haven't already done so.



Please apply by telephone or on the website www.coolmilk.com.

School Uniform available from -

My Clothing Ltd www.myclothing.com.

Matchfit Kit
Weddington Road CV10 0AD.

The Schoolwear Centre in Nuneaton.

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School Lunch Menu

School lunch full menu is available on our website.



Week 1 W/c Mondays 19.07.

| | Red | Green | Brown | Blue |
|-----|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Mon | Pork sausages | Quorn Noodles | Jacket Potato * | Tuna mayo sandwich |
| Tue | BBQ chicken fillet | Farmhouse Omelette | Jacket Potato * | Turkey soft bap |
| Wed | Buffet. | Buffet. | | |

- Jacket Potato everyday choice of cheese and beans or tuna.

Please see new school lunch menu for the new school year at the end of this newsletter.

There are just a few book bags left in school which we have put on ParentPay if you would like to purchase one. They are £6.50.



We hope you all have a lovely holiday.
Children return to school on
Monday 6th September 2021.

School Lunch Menu for New School Year Starting September 2021.

School lunch full menu is available on our website.



Week 1 W/c Mondays 30/08, 29/09, 11/10, 1/11, 22/11, 13/12, 3/1/22, 24/1, 14/2, 7/3, 28/3, 2/5, 20/6, 11/7.

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| Mon | Pork sausages | Quorn Noodles | Jacket Potato * | Tuna mayo sandwich |
| Tue | BBQ chicken wrap | Free range omelette | Jacket Potato * | Chicken soft bap |
| Wed | Roast Pork or Gammon | Vegetable Korma | Jacket Potato * | Cheese soft bap |
| Thurs | Beef Bolognese | Cheese and Potato pie | Jacket Potato * | Ham Sandwich |
| Fri | Salmon Fishcake | Cheese and Tomato Pizza | Jacket Potato * | Egg Mayo Bap |

- **Jacket Potato everyday choice of cheese and beans or tuna.**

Week 2 W/c Mondays 6/9, 27/9, 18/10, 8/11, 29/11, 10/1/22, 31/1, 14/3, 4/4, 4/4, 9/5, 6/6, 27/6, 18/7.

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| Mon | Pork Meatballs | Veggie Sausages | Jacket Potato * | Cheese soft bap |
| Tue | Sausage and bacon Omelette | Quorn Korma | Jacket Potato * | Roast chicken wrap |
| Wed | Roast beef in gravy | Quorn Bolognese with noodles | Jacket Potato * | Ham soft bap |
| Thur | Chicken pie | Breadcrumbed vegetable fingers | Jacket Potato * | Tuna mayo sandwich |
| Fri | Gluten free breaded fish | Quorn Nuggets | Jacket Potato * | Cheese soft bap |

Week 3 W/c Mondays 13/9, 4/10, 15/11, 6/12, 17/1/22, 7/2, 28/2, 21/3, 25/4, 16/5, 13/6, 4/7.

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| Mon | Cheese and Tomato pizza | Veggie balls in tomato sauce | Jacket Potato * | Cheese sandwich |
| Tue | Organic Beef grill in a bun | Cheesy pasta bake | Jacket Potato * | Chicken wrap |
| Wed | Roast chicken | Quorn Fillet | Jacket Potato * | Tuna mayo soft bap |
| Thur | Beef and Tomato Fusilli | Veggie hot dog | Jacket Potato * | Chicken soft bap |
| Fri | Gluten free breaded fish fingers | Broccoli and Sweetcorn Pasta | Jacket Potato * | Cheese wrap |

Important - Out of hours Covid19 positive test reporting line

If your child should receive a **POSITIVE** Covid19 test result when the school is closed (between 4.15pm - 8am and up to 48 hours after school closes on Wednesday for the holidays), please call the following number to report this so we can make the necessary arrangements as soon as possible. This phone will be kept on for 48 hours after school finishes and then turned off for the Summer holidays.

07726 611994

This number will be constantly monitored between 6am - 11pm but should be used **ONLY** for reporting positive cases. If the school is open please ring the school number 02476392236.

Term dates - school year 2020 - 2021

Wednesday 21st July 2021 - Children break up for Summer Holidays.



Term dates—school year 2021 - 2022

Thursday 2nd September - Warwickshire Training Day - School closed to children.
Friday 3rd September - Staff Training Day - School closed to children.
Monday 6th September - Children return to school.

Friday 1st October - Staff Training Day - School closed to children.

Friday 22nd October - We break up for half term.
Monday 1st November - Children return to school.

Friday 17th December - We break up for Christmas holidays.
Tuesday 4th January - Warwickshire Training Day - School closed to children.
Wednesday 5th January - Children return to school.

Friday 18th February - We break up for half term.
Monday 28th February - Children return to school.

Friday 8th April - We break up for Easter holidays.
Monday 25th April - Children return to school.

Monday 2nd May - May Day.

Friday 27th May - We break up for half term.
Monday 6th June - Staff training day - School closed to children.
Tuesday 7th June - Children return to school.

Friday 22nd July - We break up for Summer holidays.

