

16th July 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is hard to believe that the academic year is coming to a close. Without our usual trips and events, the time seems to have crept up on us and we have suddenly found ourselves preparing to say good bye to Year 6, organising the transition of the children who are staying with us and welcoming the new families joining us in September. It has been another year disrupted by a national lockdown and the children have had to transition between school and remote learning. The children have been amazing and have continued to impress us with the way they have dealt with the upheaval. We also continue to be grateful to you as parents and carers for all your support as we navigate the many changes in guidance and travel the steep learning curve of moving learning online and back again.

Throughout these changes, all of the staff within the school have worked incredibly hard and the children have consistently been the most important thing in their minds. They have all gone above and beyond and I would like to say publicly a huge thank you to them. Our governors have also stayed close and helped in any way they can and I would like to thank them too.

Despite the restrictions, we have continued to strive to provide an exciting and memorable curriculum for your children and it has been lovely to see themed days such as Roman Day, Greek Day, Tudor Day and the Day of the Dead and teachers using curriculum time flexibly to provide opportunities for extended work in IT, science etc. The children have been outside as much as possible and we continue to put an emphasis on activities to support both mental and physical health.

I know that you will, like us, be feeling that looking too far ahead at the moment is very difficult and it is impossible to predict what September will look like. We have, however, put a plan together and I can only ask that you keep an eye on your Parent Mail towards the end of August in case we need to make any changes.

Our plan is:

- Mornings – all year groups to come in between 8:35– 8:45am – all children will enter via the pedestrian gate. Years 3 & 4 will go to their classroom down the stairs, Years 5 & 6 will go across the playground.
- Morning Break – We will move to two year groups at a time. We do not wish to return to all four year groups out at once, but it will be good for the year groups to mix a little.
- Lunchtime – we will return to using the hall at lunchtimes. Our OPAL programme is growing all the time and we are hoping to allow the children to free flow around the site making the most of all the equipment we have gathered. Another letter asking for donations will be going out shortly.



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- End of day – all children will leave at 3.05pm. We would like parents to wait along the length of the drive. Years 3 & 4 will come up the stairs to meet you and Years 5 & 6 will walk out across the playground. All children need to leave by the pedestrian gate. **The vehicle entrance will, once again, be out of bounds.**
- We will follow government guidance for use of masks, but at the moment there will be no requirement for parents to wear masks on site in September.
- We will continue to maintain high standards of hygiene and regular hand washing will continue to be built into the day.
- We will be running our usual trips and staff are busy booking these for the Autumn Term. Full details of these trips will be shared at our **Curriculum Evening at 7pm on Thursday 23rd September.**

Summer Works

The school has had some good news in that the DfE has granted us funding for the replacement of the roof above the year 3 classrooms, kitchen area and studio. This roof is in a very poor state and it will be great to know that the school is water tight as we approach another winter. We are also re-furbishing the boys' toilets on the lower ground floor. Again, these toilets are in urgent need of an upgrade so it will be great to get this work completed for September.

Fund Raising

We have had 2 fund raising events this term. Our Big Tea raised a lovely £377. We have had already had a thank you from NHS Charities who will put the money to good use. On top of this, you have also donated just over £880 to our fund raising for the chairs. This another huge effort and will enable us to start the ordering process.

Forest School

We are continuing to see how children grow and flourish in our Forest School. It has been wonderful to develop our second site this year and to be able to open up more of our lovely grounds for the children to use. We are running our first ever Forest School Summer Camp next week and there is an exciting programme of activities planned.

Chess Club

The school has been running a very successful chess club for some time now and Mr Welling, who runs the club has given me this report of a recent tournament the club entered.

Here is a little report on The Delancey 2021 Chess tournament:

Well done to Kehar, Alexander, Veron, Louis and Joshua who entered their first tournament where they showed some of their skills which included tenacity, braveness and versatility.

A special mention to Nika who showed her true gladiator qualities to make it through to the next stage of the competition called the Giga finals!!!

We wish you the best of luck Nika.



Summer Reading Challenge.

Just a reminder that Camberley Library will be running its annual reading challenge. This year has a theme of Wild World Heroes and looks set to be great fun at the same time as encouraging our children to read a range of books.

Holidays

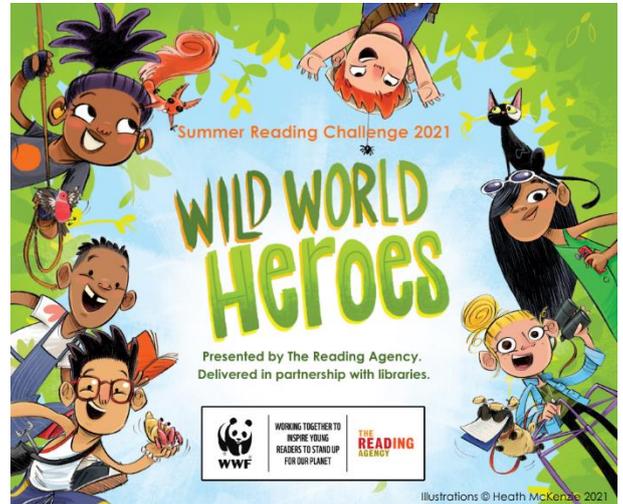
Whilst considering your plans for the summer, I would like to add a plea that you consider any possible quarantine restrictions if you are travelling abroad. It is vital that your child is ready to start school on the **2nd of September**, so that we can start the new year with everyone ready to get back to learning.

On behalf of myself and the whole staff, I would like to say a big thank you for our many cards, gifts and lovely messages; your kind words and thanks are much appreciated. I hope that you all have a restful and happy summer and that today's beautiful sunshine lasts for the next six weeks. Good luck and best wishes to all our families for whom today is the last day at Crawley Ridge and I look forward to welcoming everyone else back in September.

Kind regards

Sue Knight

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