



Newsletter - 26th June

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have seen quite a few changes in the Government guidelines from non-essential shops opening, access to some leisure facilities from the 4th July and an increase of who (and how) we can meet up with others in social gatherings. Boris Johnson also announced that social distancing has been reduced to one metre plus where possible. Times remain uncertain but we are pleased that this is a positive step in the right direction.

I wrote to parents who have children in YR and Y1 this week to discuss our provisional planning for returning to school after the Summer. Boris Johnson announced last week that the government aim is for schools to be fully open in September. Our local authority is seeking clarity from the DfE so they can make specific decisions regarding Bucks schools but note that timing is key.

Everyone is asking what school will look like in September. Whilst I hope we can operate full time schooling, like most things at the moment, no-one knows and it all depends on the risk of the virus and the 'R' rating between now and then. We will continue to follow developments of the virus and Government guidelines.

The first thing to know is the social distancing guidelines at the start of September and that depends on how the virus develops over the Summer.

Thank you to the parents who have filled in the survey. Please do complete the survey if you have not already done so. Your comments are important to us.

School Uniform in September

We will be relaxing our uniform policy for September and children are not required to come to school in uniform for the first month of the Autumn term. It is possible we might still be living in uncertain times over the summer and we understand this makes it difficult to plan this far ahead currently. Getting sizing correct for children can be tricky at the best of times but especially difficult at the moment, and with limited access to shops.

Children can come to school in uniform if you choose or in their own clothes for September. They should wear clothes that are sensible for school and outdoor activities. We suggest trousers/tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts, a t-shirt and jumper/sweatshirt and flat pumps/trainers.

From the beginning of October all children are expected to come to school in full uniform. A copy of our uniform listing is enclosed with this newsletter. Uniform can be purchased from [PLSchoolwear](#). The PTA hold stock of second hand uniform items and will be selling these in September.



Y2 School Books

We have finished collecting the Y2 children's school books and labelling bags, and from Monday we will start to deliver their bags to each doorstep.

Doorstep Photograph Session

The PTA has been in touch with Agi Gallagher, a photographer based in Thame, who has agreed to support our PTA through a front door photo shoot. You can see many examples of her fabulous work on her Facebook page Imagine Photography. A copy is enclosed with this newsletter.

Minimum Suggested donation is £25, with a portion of this going to the PTA. For this you will receive 3 digital photos.

She is available for photographing families this week And next between 5pm and 7.30pm. If you would like to be involved please contact Agi through her Facebook site (imagine photography) or else on 07403289711 to arrange a slot and quote HCIS PTA. She is aiming to do 6 families a day.

Payment will be through the PTA, 60-21-21 acc 69397376. Please reference Photoshoot.

Science Oxford Big Science Event at Home

Please find enclosed a flyer with information about this event. Science Oxford are inviting children of all ages to work in groups to come up with a question they would really like to find the answer to. Design and carry out investigations that will help find the answer. Share what you did on their website.

Good luck! Post your investigations to our school email or facebook page as we would love to hear from you. [Oxford Science Big Science Event at Home](#)

Young Writers - Fun Poetry Activity

Young Writers are inviting children to have fun with poetry and writing riddles. They can choose any theme from animals and plants, to doctors and footballers!

They provide a readymade worksheet to help your child plan and write their riddle or you can use a short video activity which introduces children to riddles. For more information go to [Young Writers](#)

Best wishes

Lucy McNeil