



Copythorne CE Infant School

Newsletter July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Working with my children at the weekend, my eldest son in Year Two commented “Daddy, this has been a very short year”. I have to agree, it’s hard to believe that we are again at the end of another school year, and like many of you I’m wondering how do I now have a child about to start Year Three!

Although for some of us the summer has come around quickly, what a year it has been! Bubbles, lockdowns, home learning, class closures, staff isolating, tables facing forward. It would be easy to focus on all these things, but at the same time there are so many positive things which have happened as well and the level of support and optimism over the year has been outstanding (and for that I thank you).

I hope that you are all able to enjoy the summer holidays and have plans a foot (my tent and thermals are ready to go!) For our current Year Two pupils, I wish them every success moving forward to Year Three. For our current Year R and One pupils, I hope you return energised and excited for the next stage in your learning journey.

Governors

The role of governors is a crucial mechanism for improvement for all our schools within the Federation. The role of governor is to work with the schools in our federation to monitor, evaluate and strategically plan the direction of provision for all our pupils. It can provide a fascinating insight into the running of our schools and provide a platform to represent our communities when decisions need to be made. We currently have a number of governors, whose terms are coming to an end and we will be looking to recruit replacements to our already strong team. We are interested in a range of expertise, but especially anyone with a background of finance or accountancy as this would be particularly useful. If you are interested in finding out more (or know of anyone who may be interested) please feel free to email the school and discuss the role of a governor more with myself or email Jennie Wright, our current chair using her governor email account j.wright@lyndhurst.hants.sch.uk. More information on governance and our current governing body can be found on our website.

<https://www.oakslearningfederation.co.uk/meet-our-governors/>

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Next Year

We are extremely excited about what we are planning to achieve next year. The teaching team have been busy planning trips, visitors, opportunities to invite families in to school and looking at how we can embed our vision and values into our curriculum. As it stands, we are planning to return to whole school working and returning a sense of the 'old normal'. However, I'm very conscious that this is not the first time we have planned for this and our plans have had to change quickly. Over the Summer, I have no doubt that there will be a continuation of communication from the DfE and we shall wait and see what the future holds, but at the moment we are being optimistic for more freedom.

There have been positives from the last year and one of these has been our soft starts. We shall be continuing to open gates at 8.45 each morning and close the gates at 9.05 each morning. At the end of the day however, we shall not be continuing with a soft end, but asking all parents to continue to consider social distancing measures. Teachers will open their doors at 3.10 to send children home.

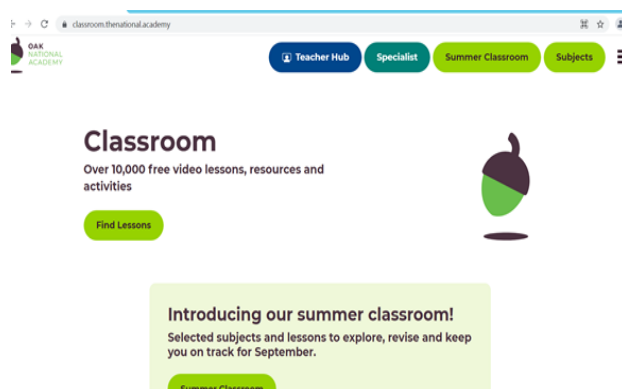
Face masks

Unless we are told otherwise, we will not be insisting parents wear face masks when outside, but we will ask you to continue to consider distance when talking with staff. However, we will continue for the time being, to ask any non-staff members entering the school building to wear a mask. Your support in doing this is really appreciated and goes a long way to showing empathy to our wider community.

Summer School!

Please don't panic at the thought of Summer school (or for some of you, please don't feel sad at the thought of no summer school!). We know that the last year has had an impact on pupil progress for many of our children and a number of parents have asked about learning over the summer. The teachers will not be posting on tapestry over the Summer – I have insisted they all have a well-deserved break, but I have been informed that the Oaks National Academy, will continue to post online learning over the summer break, for those who feel that your child would enjoy the routine or would benefit from a little extra input. (Equally, for those of you who are planning to spend six weeks at the beach – this sounds like a good plan as well!)

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>



The screenshot shows the 'classroom.thenational.academy' website. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Teacher Hub', 'Specialist', 'Summer Classroom', and 'Subjects'. Below this, the main heading is 'Classroom' with the subtext 'Over 10,000 free video lessons, resources and activities'. A green 'Find Lessons' button is visible. To the right is a stylized acorn icon. At the bottom, there is a light green box titled 'Introducing our summer classroom!' with the text 'Selected subjects and lessons to explore, revise and keep you on track for September.' and a 'Summer Classroom' button.

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INSET Days

Our planned inset days for next year are currently on our website under our parent section <https://www.oakscelearningfederation.co.uk/school-holidays/>
However, for those of you who have not heard, Hampshire have kindly reduced the number of teaching days to ensure all school workers benefit from the extra bank holiday, to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Therefore, Thursday 21st July will be the last day of the summer term for all schools in Hampshire. Those of you with a good memory will have noticed that we had planned an INSET day on 22nd July, so we will now have the INSET on Thursday 21st July, meaning that **your child's last day of term will be Wednesday 20th July 2022. Please update your calendars accordingly and please be aware our term time cards are incorrect in this respect as this was a late alteration after they were printed.**

Mr M Bowen

Executive Head Teacher



Given the current restrictions – my guess is that this is a palm tree from the English Riviera!

Message from Mrs Thomas

Dear Parents,

The last day of the school year beckons. The closing of one door and the opening of another. I want to thank each of our children for all the warmth, the memories and the learning we have shared this year.

This past year we have all grown together, we've become familiar with hand washing, wearing masks, bubbles, zoom calls, cries of 'I think you're on mute' and a seemingly endless supply of rock cakes which has kept us all going—very grateful thanks to William's Nan, but what a story we have to tell, and what a time to live through. I sincerely hope there have been great times that you'll always remember, moments that will stay with us forever.

So as we've journeyed together, I hope that we have learned many things: and gained not just knowledge but wisdom, and that these things will equip you for the world that lies ahead, whatever it may look like.

A special word to our Year 2 children –more than anything, I hope that you leave us seeing yourself, and others, as God sees you –full of potential, precious, unique and loved.

Have a wonderful summer

God Bless

Jan Thomas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiWZXLsdE9w>

Message from the Governors

As we come to the end of an extraordinary year the governors would like to express their thanks to all staff, parents, carers and families for working together in helping to maintain continuity and consistency in the lives of our young people.

The effort and ingenuity of our staff in adapting traditional events, such as sports day, to comply with the Covid regulations is to be applauded. Their positive attitude has ensured that our children have had the best possible opportunities academically and socially under the restrictions .

The Federation values of love, respect and compassion have played their role in understanding and cooperating with each other.


May you all, staff, pupils and families have a well deserved restful break. “

THANK YOU



To the PTFA who have worked so hard this year to fundraise and support the school. We really appreciate everything that you do for us.

To our cook Louise and the lunchtime supervisors, who have worked in very tricky circumstances to keep the children fed and safe.

To everyone who has supported us this year, either with kind words or cakes. 

Is your child eligible for pupil premium funding?

Your child may be entitled to a sum of money, paid to the school, with the aim to boost their learning. This money is used by the school, to fund provisions with the aim of helping children in receipt of the pupil premium funding reach their best potential.

If you receive any of the following benefits you may be eligible:

Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)

Income support

Income-based jobseekers' allowance

Income-related employment and support allowance

Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of state pension credit

Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit

and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

There are many benefits to your child receiving pupil premium benefits, including **free uniform items** and **funding for school trips**. For a more comprehensive break down of how the federation spends this money, please see the pupil premium strategy, published on the website.

If you have any further questions, please speak with the school office team. They will be able to help you apply, or you can apply directly via the attached link and school will get notified if you are eligible:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

Skoolkit

You can receive free delivery on all online orders placed during the following dates:

Saturday 31st July – Saturday 7th August Using code SUMMER2021 at the checkout.

www.skoolkit.co.uk

For delivery before the start of the new school year online orders need to be placed by
Saturday 14th August



Friday 23rd July		School ends for summer
Monday 6th September		School returns
Monday 6th September To Friday 10th September		Home visits for new Year R
Monday 13th September To Friday 24th September		New Year R start school part—time
Monday 27th September		New year R start school full time
Thursday 21st October		School ends for half term
Monday 1st November		School returns
Friday 17th December		School ends for Christmas holidays

Term Dates for 2021/22

Autumn Term 1	Thursday 2nd September 2021	Friday 22nd October 2021
Autumn Term 2	Monday 1st November 2021	Friday 17th December 2021
Spring Term 1	Tuesday 4th January 2022	Friday 18th February 2022
Spring Term 2	Monday 28th February 2022	Friday 8th April 2022
Summer Term 1	Monday 25th April 2022	Friday 27th May 2022
Summer Term 2	Monday 6th June 2022	Friday 22nd July 2022
Inset Days School Closed	Thursday 2nd September 2021 Friday 3rd September 2021 Friday 22nd October 2021 Monday 15th November 2021 Thursday 21st July 2022 (amended)	