

# Netley Marsh CE Infant School

## Newsletter July 2021

Dear Parents/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](mailto:j.wright@lyndhurst.hants.sch.uk). More information on governance and our current governing body can be found on our website. <https://www.oakscelearningfederation.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 9.00 each morning (Copythorne 9.05).

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 3.15 to send children home.

## Face masks

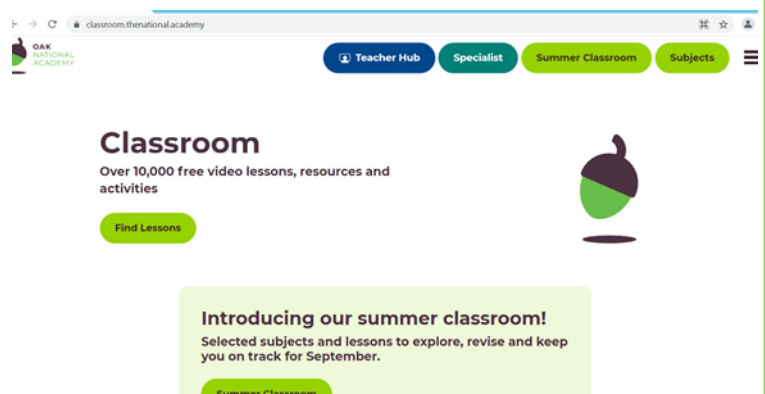
Unless we are told otherwise, we will not be insisting parents wear face masks when outside, but we will ask you to continue to consider distance when talking with staff. However, we will continue for the time being, to ask any non-staff members entering the school building to wear a mask. Your support 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/](https://classroom.thenational.academy/)



## **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July, so we will now have the INSET on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, meaning that **your child's last day of term will be Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.**



**(given the current restrictions – my guess is that this is a palm tree from the English Riviera!)**

## **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.



We have been advised of a useful website which contains lots of up to date information about children's ailments, including whether they are allowed in school.

[Click here to go to the website.](#)

Parents need to click on the over 3 months tab for infant school children.

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We are delighted to announce that thanks to one of our lovely parents we have been awarded £2,700 towards playground markings after applying for a grant from the WPA Benevolent Foundation.

Thank you Mrs Thew for thinking of us and a huge thank you to the WPA Benevolent Foundation! We can't wait to see the end result!



## Absence Reminder

If your child is off sick, you can advise us by Parentmail or by calling the school and leaving a message. Please can we ask that this is done by 9.30am.

Schools are unable to authorise absence from school in term time, unless for exceptional reasons which does not include family holidays. However if you do intend to take your child out of school for any reason, please fill in an absence request form which can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from our website.





## Eat them to Defeat Them!

We have now reached the end of the VegPower Eat them to Defeat Them campaign. Our cook at HC3S has risen to the challenge of creating a display and samples of the featured vegetable each week. The children have all had the opportunity to taste the samples and we have been interested to see the vegetables that have featured in the TV adverts at school.



HC3S would now like to know if the eating habits of the children at our school have changed at home since the campaign, and whether they are eating more vegetables. Please could we ask that you fill in their online survey so that your thoughts and opinions can help shape the next campaign.

[HC3S #EatThemToDefeat Them Parent/](#)

[Guardian Survey 2021](#)



## Library Books

Thank you for all the library books that have been returned to school, however there are still a lot missing. If you have been advised that there are books still on your child's card that you have not found, please can we ask you to have a good look over the summer for any books that may be lurking behind cupboards or under beds.



## Tapestry

We have produced pdf documents of the Tapestry Learning Journals for all year 2 children. Please make sure that you download these from the link you have been sent / within your Tapestry account within 4 weeks. Year R and 1 continue until they leave Netley Marsh.



## Sports and Healthy Eating Week

As part of our 'sports and healthy eating week' the children enjoyed all kinds of different ways of staying fit.

We had our sports afternoon, and although parents sadly could not join us, all children were out on the field together for the first time, in their bubbles.



We had a visit from Ace Sports for Year 2, Year 1 enjoyed maypole dancing and all classes were taught new golf skills from the coach at Paultons Golf Club.





## Empathy day

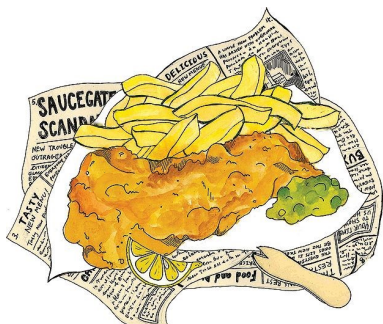
10th June was National Empathy Day, and we marked the occasion at Netley Marsh with a virtual visit from the Author Pippa Goodhart. Pippa read a different story with each class and the children had an opportunity to ask her questions.



We used our learning from Empathy Week to produce some amazing art work. We used the Bottle of Happiness by Pippa Goodart and a book from this years empathy list, The Umbrella by Elaine Melville.

HC3S produced a special menu on the day to tie in with Pippa's book 'You Choose'.

## Thank you Goodies



We will be sad to say goodbye to staff who are leaving at the end of this term, but we all enjoyed a farewell supper kindly provided by Goodies to wish them well. Staff made a donation to Rev'd John's big challenge in lieu of payment to Goodies.

## Thinking of returning to your role as a healthcare professional? We can help you!

This message goes out to all parents, carers and members of the local community who may once have been a healthcare professional such as a nurse or midwife and now considering a return. Returning healthcare professionals have a key role to play in ensuring patients and service users have access to experienced and well-trained care staff equipped with the right skills. Health Education England (NHS) provide funding to support the pathways to return and are keen to support or answer any questions you may have if you are considering returning to perhaps nursing, midwifery or If you trained as an allied health professional (AHP) or a healthcare scientist (HCS) but have since left the profession.

Please do contact us for more information on: 01865 932097 or email [returntopractice.se@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:returntopractice.se@hee.nhs.uk)

## Fire Service Visit



Year 1 and Year 2 were visited by the Fire Service

They learned the importance of keeping safe around fire. The rhyme '*Matches and Lighters do not touch, they can hurt you very much*'

We watched a specially recorded puppet show by Praizin' Hands to help us remember the importance of staying safe online.





## Off the Floor Challenge

As part of the Netley Marsh Big Challenge, the children took part in a sponsored 'Off the Floor Challenge' to see how many laps of the courses that they had designed, they could complete without touching the floor. They all did really well and we are grateful for all the donations made to Rev'd John's Just Giving page

[Crowdfunding to St. Matthew's Church Netley Marsh Restoration Project on JustGiving](#)



The children have also been creating floor tile designs like these, which are on display in the church over the summer.

Pop in and take a look!



## WILD

### Celebrating the Natural History of The British Isles

On now until 4 September 2021

#### St Barbe is inviting families to a WILD encounter this summer!

There is an array of native animals on display including a Red Fox, a Barn Owl in mid swoop, a slice through a pond to see Great Crested Newts, a Gannet in full dive as it plummets towards the sea to catch fish and the elusive Red Squirrel as it scampers into the trees...

Families can learn about the pressures these animals face and find out how to help to conserve wild habitats. BBC presenter Chris Packham will be calling in on 5 August to tell us more about environmental challenges faced by our native species.

Younger visitors will enjoy dressing up in our fabulous animal costumes or letting their imagination run WILD with our brilliant puppets!

Join in our FREE workshops throughout the school holidays... for example you could create a wearable sculpture, take inspiration from moths to create exciting images using ink or use wax resist to make a fish hat! See our website or Facebook for details and how to book your place.

Open Monday to Saturday 10-4 plus Sundays during the school holidays.

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Open  
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during  
school  
holidays!

**GO  
WILD at St Barbe!**  
celebrate the Natural History  
of the British Isles  
19 June – 4 September 2021

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 23rd July	Last day of this school year
Thursday 2nd September	INSET day—school closed to pupils
Friday 3rd September	INSET day—school closed to pupils
Monday 6th September	First day of term for the children in Y1 and Y2
Monday 18th October	Class Photos taking individual photos of children
Thursday 21st October	Last day of this half term for pupils
Friday 22nd October	INSET day—school closed to pupils
Monday 1st November	First day of term
Friday 21st December	Last day of Autumn Term
Tuesday 4th January	First day of Spring Term

### Inset days 2021—22

Thursday 2nd September 2021;

Friday 22nd October 2021;

Thursday 21st July 2022

Friday 3rd September 2021

Monday 15th November 2021

# Happy Summer Holidays!!!

