

COLDWALTHAM, ST. JAMES' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

with Chuckleberries Pre School



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Friday Flyer - 11th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Summer Term 2! The academic year has flown by and it is hard to believe that we are now in the final stretch before the summer holidays. Whilst the year has not been quite what we expected it to be, it has been successful so far with the school remaining Covid-19 free and the children being able to be with their friends for the majority of the time, learning and playing together in a safe and healthy environment.

DfE Covid-19 Guidelines update

At present, there have been no significant changes to DfE guidelines regarding the advice about drop-off and pick-up arrangements; we will be continuing with the current arrangements for the remainder of the academic year.

Whole school collective worship and assemblies still remain something that we are unable to do but we are hopeful that these will return in September. For this half-term, we will be reinstating weekly visits to the church for collective worship with Father Peter; however, rather than visits being made by the whole school as happened before lockdown, an individual class will attend each week to ensure that DfE and church guidelines are adhered to. More information will be sent to individual classes about this.



A small change within school is that we are now working as a whole bubble for playtimes and lunchtimes. Due to the easing of restrictions, we are aware that the children are mixing outside of school in social settings such as parks and restaurants and for play dates, birthday parties and sleepovers. For this reason, we have chosen to ease our restrictions at playtimes and lunchtimes within school.

The children are all playing on the school field together at playtimes where there is lots of space to run and play. At lunchtimes, Ash Class and the children in Yew Class and Elm Class who have hot lunches eat together in the hall, still sitting in discrete class bubbles with appropriate social distancing in place. Children who have packed lunches sit outside when the weather allows or within classrooms in school as has been the case up to now.



This has made a huge difference to the school day as it creates a consistency across school in timings and also allows siblings and friends across classes to socialise and interact at these times. All the arrangements are consistent with DfE advice and guidelines. Should there be any updated advice from the DfE meaning that we have to tighten arrangements again, we will do so in a timely and swift manner. We are, of course, hoping that this will not be the case!

Visit From The Fire Brigade

Before half term, we were delighted to welcome Graeme and Lauren from the Fire Service into school. They visited each class and spoke to all the children about being a fire fighter and fire safety. Mrs Rigby and Mrs Brownbill modelled fire fighters' clothing and the children had lots of chances to ask questions. All the children were highly engaged and enjoyed the experience – I think the adults did too!



Update following Friends of St James' (FOSJ) Meeting

We are pleased to announce that the EGM of the new Friends of St James' committee took place on Friday 11th June where our new committee was officially formed; we are incredibly grateful to those parents/carers who have volunteered to take on the roles and are looking forward to working with them very much. Please look out for future communications from the FOSJ to find out the identity of your committee and what events are planned. We would encourage more parents/carers to become involved with FOSJ; please let the Office know if you would like to be involved with the Friends' events and we will forward your details on.



Summer Weather

It is lovely that the long, cold winter is a distant memory and the summer weather has finally arrived. It is very important that we protect our children from the harmful effects of the sun during these hot days. Please send your child to school with a cap or sun hat every day and apply sun cream before they come to school. It is preferable to use brands of suncream that provide protection for 8 hours or longer such as Boots Soltan Kids Once. Alternatively, the children may bring their own named suncream providing they are able to apply it themselves as we are unable to do this for them.



Informing school about pick-up arrangements

Please ensure that you let the Office know if you have arranged for your child to be picked up by a different adult to usual or if they are attending the After School Club at Chuckleberries for a one-off occasion. It is **essential** that the school is given the correct information about who is picking children up or whether they are attending the After School Club. Unless we have been given notification by a parent/carer, we are unable to release the children to adults or settings different to the usual arrangements for safeguarding reasons. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this.



Whole Class Photos

The photographic proofs of the class photos have been passed to the children this week. Orders can be made on-line by following the instructions on the proof. If you are unable to order online, please bring your order to school in a sealed envelope marked "For the attention of the Office". The closing date for orders is Tuesday 22nd June 2021.

Parent Consultations



I am aware that some parents/carers have been enquiring about Parent Consultations this term; we haven't forgotten, don't worry! We are intending to hold these but SLT are currently still deciding when and how these will be held subject to DfE and Government guidelines in the near future. Please be assured that you will have the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher before the end of the school year whether this be in person or via Zoom; details will follow once they have been confirmed.

INSET Days – September 2021

Following enquiries from some parents/carers, we would like to inform you that there will be **two** INSET Days at the start of the new term in September – **Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September** will be INSET Days with the children returning to school on **Monday 6th September**. Details about further INSET Days throughout the year will be decided in due course and parents/carers informed as soon as possible.

Summer Term 2 Events

We have many lovely events planned for this half-term and it has been a joy to be able to provisionally arrange these in stark comparison to this time last year when we were unable to plan very little.

Events that have been arranged within the school day as part of curriculum learning will take place as planned and will meet all DfE guidelines. We look forward to sharing about them with you via the Friday Flyer and the school website.

Events such as the End-of-Year Production and Sports Day, which parents/carers are usually invited to attend, are subject to the latest Government advice. We are very much hoping that we will be able to invite parents/carers and be able to physically share these events. However, should we be advised that we will not be able to invite parents/carers to attend, the events will be videoed and shared in an alternative way. More information about this will follow once we have a clearer idea of the Government's intentions following 21st June.





Young Voices Biggest Sing

Young Voices Biggest Sing is the flagship event of Children's Mental Health Week with hundreds of thousands of children, teachers and families coming together all over the UK, the US and the rest of the world in the safety of their schools and/or home to sing the iconic song 'Lovely Day' by Bill Withers on Tuesday.

The children have been learning the song ready for the event and have also been learning the accompanying signing too. The event was featured on The One Show this week; the clip can be watched by clicking on this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09kxgxn>

Tokyo Olympics Dance Workshops

On Tuesday 22nd June, we are very excited to welcome 'West End in Schools' to St. James' to run dance workshops for all the classes in the school. The children will work in discrete classes to create their own movement-based version of the Olympic Games. They will celebrate Japanese culture in an imagined opening ceremony, explore the different sports, and embrace the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship.



The cost of the workshops will be subsidised by the PE and Sports Premium Funding which each school receives to promote physical and sporting activities with young children.

Whole School Art Week

In the week beginning Monday 5th July, the whole school will be finding their inner artist! Following a theme of 'Summer in Coldwaltham', the children will be focusing on their sketching and painting skills through studying the local area's landscape including local buildings and flora and fauna. Children will be producing individual pieces of art but each class will also produce a piece of 'Big Art'.

We are very excited to say that the art work will be reaching a wider audience in the local community. Working with the Arts Society, some of the children's art work will be on display at the forthcoming Petworth Festival held in July. We are very grateful to the Arts Society for a generous donation made to help supply art resources for the week.



Further to this, the school intends to hold its own Art Exhibition in September to celebrate the art of the children. We have arranged to have the children's work framed and an exhibition to be held where parents/carers can view the pieces and have the opportunity to buy them. More information about this will follow as dates are confirmed.

Sports Day



We are planning on holding Sports Day on the afternoon of Friday 9th July (with Friday 16th July as a reserve date should we need to postpone for weather reasons). Mrs Holt (our PE Subject Lead) is working with Matt and Joe from 1:1 PE Coaching to arrange some fantastic activities and, of course, organise the races! The children

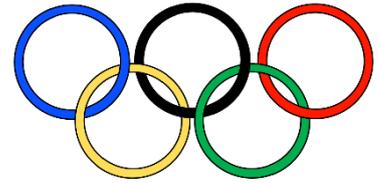
have started to prepare for the day in PE lessons focusing on their running, balancing and throwing skills.

On the day, we would like all the children to bring in a packed lunch as we will be sharing a whole school picnic together prior to the event. If your child is eligible for FSM,

Chartwells will provide a packed lunch for your child; however, your child is welcome to bring a packed lunch from home if they wish.

Production News

The children have started the rehearsals for their performance of 'Go For Gold!' this week. It is wonderful to see their enthusiasm and passion for the production and we have been highly impressed with the performances we have seen so far. Rehearsals will take place regularly during the next few weeks so please ensure your child has their script with them at all times.



Thank you to The Wild Brooks Society



As a school, we are blessed to be part of a very generous and kind community. We are very grateful to The Wild Brooks Society who have donated £1,400 to the school community. Our school pond area is in need of maintenance and we intend to use this money to make repairs to the decking and fencing. On completion, and once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, the pond will be used by the whole school community including St James' children, Chuckleberries and the toddler group. We are so fortunate to have beautiful grounds to be able to use as part of learning and really do appreciate the generosity of the Wild Brooks Society to be able to maintain and enhance our grounds.

Jo's Summer Holiday Club

Jo Kent, the Chuckleberries and After School Club leader, will be running a Summer Holiday Club on 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th August 2021 from 9am to 3pm (8am if required), subject to demand. Places need to be booked and paid for in advance on receipt of an invoice. The cost is £5 per hour. Please could interested parents/carers contact Jo directly on 07709 211487.

This Friday Flyer contains a great deal of information but I hope that it helps you as parents/carers to feel that you are aware of what is happening in school and feel that you have been communicated with well. Please see the 'Important Dates For Your Diary' section below for a concise overview.

We will keep you up-to-date with any changes that may occur with events due to adjustments to DfE and Government guidelines. Once again, we shall wait for Boris' announcement on Monday to see how we will be moving forward! Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to sharing more news with you in the next Friday Flyer.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Martin
Head of School

Important Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 15 th June 2021	Young Voices – Big Sing
Tuesday 22 nd June 2021	Tokyo Olympics Dance Workshops for all classes
Monday 5 th July to Friday 9 th July 2021	Whole School Art Week – ‘Summer in Coldwaltham’
Friday 9 th July 2021 Reserve date – Friday 16 th July	Sports Day – attendance by parents/carers will be subject to government guidelines applicable at the time.
Wednesday 7 th July and Tuesday 13 th July 2021	PLP (Personal Learning Plan) appointments with Mrs Edwards (SENDCo). Please respond to Mrs Edwards if you have been invited to make an appointment.
Week of Monday 12 th July 2021 Tuesday 13 th July 2021 Wednesday 14 th July 2021 Thursday 15 th July 2021	School Production ‘Go For Gold!’ – performances to parents/carers will be subject to government guidance applicable at the time. At present, the planned performances are as follows: Dress Rehearsal Afternoon and evening performances Evening performance Times to be confirmed
Friday 23 rd July 2021	Last day of term
Thursday 2 nd September 2021	Inset Day
Friday 3 rd September 2021	Inset Day
Monday 6 th September 2021	Children return to school