

## Term Dates for 2019/20

### Term 1:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 - staff training day  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Term 2:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### Term 3:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### Term 4:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

### Term 5:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - Bank Holiday

### Term 6:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020  
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## Term Dates for 2020/21

### Term 1:

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

### Term 2:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Term 3:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Term 4:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

### Term 5:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 - Bank Holiday

### Term 6:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021



# Newsletter

February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. The New Year continues to bring much excitement in school and we are already in the swing of things. If you have a child in year 1 or 2 you may have heard about the 'alien landing' on the field which was a creative and exciting stimulus causing great delight. Year 5 and 6 are also looking at space exploration and time travel with their discussions about whether Doctor Who should retire! They will follow up their topic with a visit to the Leicester Space Centre later in the term. Year 3 and 4 however have gone back in time and are finding out all about the Stone Age. They too will be undertaking a school visit to Wild Woodcraft at Wragby to enrich their studies.

On the matter of enhancing learning, I would like to announce new arrangements for starting the school day. From next week - i.e. the week beginning February 11<sup>th</sup> - we would like the children in **all classes, except Nursery**, to start at 8.40. Mrs Sherrick has been trialling this early start for over a year now and it is having very positive benefits. The additional time in school will be used by teachers in a variety of ways - it may be for quiet reading, mental maths, TT rocks stars, retrieval practice, spelling or anything beneficial to learning.

I appreciate that pupils who use the buses have no control over the arrival time and they most certainly will not be penalised for not starting school at the earlier time. Essentially, teachers are giving up the precious time that they might use for preparation, in order to enhance your child's learning even further so I would be really grateful if you could bring the children to school for 8.40 a.m. so that they can go straight in to class.

Should you have any questions about this earlier start time, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Susan Rayner



**Absence**

Please note that children need to be off for at least 24 hours after any sickness or diarrhoea. If parents/carers aren't sure whether to keep the child off please contact the school office for advice.

**Water Bottles**

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle at school at all times. Water bottles will cost £1.50 and lids 75p. They can be bought from the tuck shop before school or during KS2 break. We are unable to provide the children with cups at school due to hygiene reasons.

**Attendance for Term 2**

Pupil attendance is closely monitored by the school, aiming to achieve at least 95% attendance by all pupils (excluding Nursery). All requests for absence must be requested in advance in writing. Following is a breakdown of attendance across the school from Monday 29th October 2018 to Friday 21st December 2018. Well done to Year 2!

<b>R</b>	<b>96.30%</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>92.17%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>98.23%</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>95.38%</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>96.25%</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>94.74%</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>96.60%</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.73%</b>

**Parking**

To avoid an accident occurring please ensure that children do not enter school via the staff car park. Children must wait for the gate to be unlocked and enter school via the playground entrance. Please also ensure that you do not use the staff car park for parking or as a turn-around point during the morning drop-off and afternoon collection times. The yellow zig-zags also indicate that the school lay-by is for buses **only** at these times.



**PE Kit**

Please kindly ensure your child has a winter PE kit at school as well as their normal shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls. We suggest a pair of jogging bottoms and jumper/hooded top in the winter months as on dry days PE still takes place outside.

**Dates for the Diary:**

**Friday 15th February** - End of Term 3.

**Monday 25th February** - Start of Term 4.

**Friday 22nd March** - Y5/6 Trip to Space Centre, Leicester (more information to follow).

**Tuesday 26th March**—Y4 Trip to Wildwood Craft (more information to follow)

**Friday 29th March**—Y3 Trip to Wildwood Craft (more information to follow)

**Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd April**- Parents' Evening (more information to follow).

**Friday 5th April** - End of Term 4.

**Tuesday 23rd April** - Start of Term 5.

**Friday 24th May** - End of Term 5.

**Headlice**

We have been advised of several children in different classes with headlice. Please ensure that you check your child's head regularly for headlice, they will not go away on their own. It is advisable for children with long hair to wear their hair back whilst at school. Treatments can be obtained from your child's doctor on prescription or from a chemist or supermarket. Please ask at the school office if you would like any further advice.

**Term Dates for 2018/19**

**Term 3:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Term 4:**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Term 5:**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - Bank Holiday

**Term 6:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

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