

Term Dates for 2019/20

Term 1:

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

Term 2:

Monday 4th November 2019 - Friday 20th December 2019

Term 3:

Monday 6th January 2020 - Friday 14th February 2020

Term 4:

Monday 24th February 2020 - Friday 3rd April 2020

Term 5:

Monday 20th April 2020 - Friday 22nd May 2020
Monday 4th May 2020 - Bank Holiday

Term 6:

Monday 1st June 2020 - Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Term Dates for 2020/21

Term 1:

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 - Thursday 22nd October 2020

Term 2:

Monday 2nd November 2020 - Friday 18th December 2020

Term 3:

Monday 4th January 2021 - Friday 12th February 2021

Term 4:

Monday 22nd February 2021 - Thursday 1st April 2021

Term 5:

Monday 19th April 2021 - Friday 28th May 2021
Monday 3rd May 2021 - Bank Holiday

Term 6:

Monday 7th June 2021 - Friday 23rd 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 4th - 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.

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!

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

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:

Thursday 8th February - Valentine's Disco.

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.

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Term 3:

Monday 7th January 2019 - Friday 15th February 2019

Term 4:

Monday 25th February 2019 - Friday 5th April 2019

Term 5:

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 - Friday 24th May 2019

Monday 6th May 2019 - Bank Holiday

Term 6:

Monday 3rd June 2019 - Tuesday 23rd July 2019
