

Newsletter Friday 17th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Wow, what an extraordinary year it has been! This is one year we certainly won't forget. Normally I would be writing to you about graduation ceremonies, congratulating pupils on sports days and the various other events that mark the summer term. Instead we have had online learning for all and in-school lessons for some. The pandemic has presented many challenges and I hope you agree that we have all done the best we have been able to – both staff and pupils. My thanks go to our Teachers, our Support Staff, our Office Staff, our Inclusion Staff and our Senior Leadership, this has truly been a team effort in keeping the school open throughout while also supporting home learning and maintaining contact with the whole school community.

These have been extraordinary times in which staff and pupils have all done their best in challenging circumstances. Thank you for the kind messages of support that many of you have sent us, they have been much appreciated. There is no doubt that the current advice will change and we will continue to keep you updated. We will write to you again on 4th September to confirm arrangements for the pupils return to school on Monday 7th September 2020.

Year 6

We would like to wish all our Year 6 children the very best of luck as they transition to secondary school. It wasn't the end of year celebrations that we would have hoped for our Year 6 children but we look forward to inviting them back in when we are able to do so.

Term Dates

I have attached a copy of the term dates for 2020/2021. These are also available on our website.

Staff Changes

Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Head who joined us on a temporary basis to cover for Miss Jones maternity leave. We also say farewell to Miss Pestell who has secured a teaching assistant position at a local Primary School as she has recently successfully completed her apprenticeship during her time at Elm Academy. We wish them both well.

With very best wishes for a lovely restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming your children back, safe and well, in September.

With all good wishes,



Mrs Fish
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Important Dates for the Diary:

Autumn Term

Pupil's first day
Half term
Pupil's last day

Monday 7th September 2020
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2020
Friday 18th December 2020

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