



24th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, another half term is ending and we will soon be entering the last half term of this academic year, and what a year it has been!

The children continue to amaze us every day with their resilience, hard work and support for each other.

Sporting achievements

This half term has seen our Rainbow Room children place first in the 'East Yorkshire Panathlon Winter Kurling' competition and being the overall winners of the 'East Yorkshire Primary Winter Games.' We are very proud of their achievements; they worked hard as a team.

Key Stage 1 and 2 children all participate in the 'Trans Pennine Trail' virtual physical challenge and will be receiving their certificates shortly.

Year 2 and Key Stage 2 have all been having weekly tennis skills lessons with a coach and this week will be taking part in an intra-mini tennis competition.

Year 6 all passed their silver award in boxing and some children have been attending a weekly after school club to aim towards their gold award. Year 5 have all passed their bronze award in boxing.

Year 5 have had a weekly Rugby session with Archbishop Sentamu and we are thrilled to announce that two children have been talent spotted and offered the chance of a scholarship for Secondary School; wow, what an achievement!

A reminder that when we return after the half term break, all children will be participating in a sports day. Although parents are unable to attend this year's events, we will be putting photographs on Twitter and each class's Seesaw accounts. *(Rainbow Room children will be participating on the day of their year group – see Rainbow Room staff for more information)*

Term dates	
Thursday 27th May	Last day of half term
Wednesday 9th June	School reopens
Wednesday 9th June	Sports morning – Year 5/6 Sports afternoon – Year 1/2
Thursday 10th June	Sports morning – Year 3/4 Sports afternoon – Foundation Stage 1/2
Thursday 22nd July	Last day of school year

Attendance

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school that you **MUST** contact the school office on the first morning of absence. Our office staff are spending most of their morning ringing families. You are able to leave a voice message if the office is busy.

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Reminder of Covid procedures

As we start to return to some normality, it is important that we continue to follow Government guidelines.

Many of you will have seen on the news how you are able to order your own Lateral Flow tests to use at home. As a school, we are not able to take these tests as an indicator that children/adults within your house are negative. Therefore, if anyone in your house has any of the following symptoms you **MUST** all isolate and book in for a PCR test at a recognised test centre.

- 1) **A new continuous cough**
- 2) **A high temperature**
- 3) **Loss or change of taste and or smell**

If you are in any doubt, please contact the school office who will be happy to help and **DO NOT** send your child, ask the school first. You can always bring your child later in the day if we advise that this is possible.

The isolation period remains at 10 days for everyone. (*This means the person with symptoms or a confirmed positive test and anyone else living in your house*). If you are concerned, please keep your child at home and ring the school office. They will advise you on what to do and when/if your child can come to school.

HCAT Catering

Our catering team have now spent the last half term as part of the HCAT Team. You will have seen our new menus and many of the children are loving the return of some favourites, such as pizza, chicken goujons and all day breakfast. We would love to increase our number of children staying for a hot meal each day and as such our Year 5 and 6 classes have been trialling some changes to the menu.

Keep an eye out for our new Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 menus arriving after half term. Please encourage your child to stay and sample the new menu; it may help to save your valuable time in a morning, no more making sandwiches before school!

SATS week

Our Year 6 children have been working hard throughout their school life, and especially this year preparing for their SATs. The children will take part in a SATs week so that they have the opportunity to demonstrate everything they have learnt over their school life.

SATs week will be Tuesday 15th – 18th June, with a celebration/fun afternoon on the Friday 18th June. We have been very proud of how our Year 6 children have worked their socks off this year and know they will perform to the best of their abilities in the SATs.

During this week, Year 2 children will be doing a series of 'quizzes' to support their end of year assessments. The children have been practising doing this in class over the last few weeks.

It is imperative during this week that ALL children attend school every day and on time. Please make every effort to ensure your child has had a good night's sleep, a hearty breakfast and that they arrive on time each day. Thank you.

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Reminders

Water bottles - We have noticed that many children are forgetting to bring a water bottle to school with them. The office only have a small amount left, so please remind your child to bring their own with them each day. Please remember that it needs to be still water only.

Sun hats - Hopefully, when we return after half term, we will see some warmer weather. Please send your child to school with a suitable sunhat and sun cream, they must be able to apply this themselves.

Parent Pay – the office have asked that everyone be reminded about paying for breakfast club and lunchtime on their parent pay accounts. At the moment, the school is in a large amount of debt to the catering service for unpaid breakfasts and lunches. If you are struggling to access your account or wish to talk about a payment plan, please contact the school office and speak to Miss Parkinson.

Transition week – this year we will be doing transition week slightly differently. We are aiming that children from Nursery – Year 5 will transition to their new classes for 2 full days. (Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th July) Further details will follow regarding entrances/exits/times/staffing.

Year 6 Leavers Play – PROVISIONALLY this is booked for Thursday 8th July. We are still waiting for changes to the government guidelines in regards to performances and parents on school site. If this is still not possible, we will record the play and make it available to all parents. We do not want the children missing out on their end of school performance, Mrs Cowap has already started to practise dances and songs!!

Pierced ears – please note that our school uniform policy states that children must not wear earrings to school. This is for the safety of all children. If you are wishing to pierce your child's ears, please wait until the summer holidays. Children **will** be asked to remove earrings. (*Spacers may be worn daily if you feel your child's ears will heal/seal*)

Thank you for your continued support

Stay safe

Miss Howard