



# Dixon's Diary

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## End of Term

What a year it has been! At school we are busy trying to make the most of the end of the school year. With so many disruptions due to the global pandemic everyone at school is proud of the commitment from our children and families and all that they have achieved.

Due to the covid restrictions currently in place we won't be able to invite parents in to events or mix bubbles just yet, but we aim to still have Sports 'Day' in bubbles and recognize children's achievements in our online assemblies.

Please see overleaf for dates for your diary.

## Learning for Peace Big Question

What makes you feel peaceful?



peacemakers

## Staffing Update

It is with great sadness that I write to let you know that our wonderful cleaner, Mrs Shukri Dualeh, has passed away. She worked at our school for many years and was loved by all. She moved to the UK from Somalia to raise her family and was very proud of her children and all that they have gone on to achieve. We plan to honour her memory by planting some more fruit trees in front of school, so that her memory can live on through them. If you would like to make a contribution to them in her memory please, do so at the school office.

At the end of the school year we will say goodbye to Mr Marlowe, who is moving to the south coast. We also say goodbye to Mrs K.Sidhu, who is retiring to enjoy her family and travel. Both Mr Marlowe and Mrs Sidhu will be missed greatly by the children, families and staff here! We wish them all the best on their next adventures.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Tooze into Year 6 next year.

## Continuing Covid Vigilance

As much as we would all like to think we are nearing the end of the pandemic, it just isn't so. We have several positive cases within the school community and within the wider community.

Please continue follow the guidance, particularly keeping your children at home if anyone in your household is displaying symptoms.

It is also important that only one member of each family collects children, minimising the number of visitors we have on the school site. Anyone entering the school grounds must wear a mask, as per government guidance, as there is a risk you will be within 2m of others.

## Meet the Teacher Transition

Children will have the opportunity to meet their new teachers on the afternoon of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, and then spend all day Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July and the morning of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July before spending the last afternoon of the academic year with their current class and teacher. To make this covid-friendly, the teachers will move classes and the children will remain where they currently are, with the exception of Monday where we can arrange adequate cleaning – you will pick your children up from their new classes! (This is generally the next class along the school building.)

## Dates for your Diary

These dates and events are subject to change due to the ongoing situation with Covid-19, thank you for your understanding.

### SUMMER TERM

#### JULY

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July** End of Year Reports home to parents

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** School closes for summer break

\*Year 6 Leavers dates to be determined in line with Covid Guidance and shared with Year 6 parents

\*Sports Day will happen in Year Groups on PE Days where possible, but as previously stated, we will not be able to have supporters attend.

### AUTUMN TERM

#### SEPTEMBER

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** Children return from summer break

### School Timings for September

Schools are currently waiting for updated advice around Covid Guidelines for September. We plan to continue to have parents bring children to school in the same way we currently do and collect children the same way we currently do, both using the one way system. However, the timings will change to:

Drop off window: **8.50 – 9.00**

Pick up window: **3.15 – 3.25**

We will publish new Parent Handbooks for September once we have updated guidance from the DfE.

### Free School Meals Vouchers

If your circumstances have changed, you may now qualify for FSM and the food vouchers which are emailed out by the Government.

Parents can check eligibility via this link: [www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham](http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham).

Follow the link to find out if you are eligible. This will also alert the school so we can ensure you get the support you need.

Please note: this is different from the Universal Free Meals which all children up to Y2 receive in school.