

Hello everyone!

I can't quite believe that we are in our final term of this academic year! A lot of our children will be leaving us to join Primary school in September but we also have many children staying with us for another year. We have lots of lovely things planned for this half term so please make a note of the dates below.

Julia Hymers – Head teacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd June	First day back after holidays
Wednesday 3rd July	Parent consultations
Wednesday 10th July	Sport's Day (Red, Blue, Yellow, Purple)
Friday 19th July	Party Day (non-uniform)
Monday 22nd July	Petting farm
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of term
Thursday 5th September	First day back at Nursery

Summer weather

Now that the weather is changing, please can you bring your child to Nursery with a sunhat that is clearly labelled with their name.

Please apply suncream to your child at home before nursery. If your child stays all day we will reapply suncream using ours (Aldi's own brand which has 5* UV protection). If your child has an allergy or needs a particular brand, please bring your own cream to school for us to apply.



Forest School

Children will no longer be putting waterproof clothing when they attend Forest School due to the warmer weather. Instead, can you please ensure your child wears clothing that you do not mind getting a bit mucky! If possible, we would recommend lightweight clothing as well as long sleeves and trousers to protect from thorns.



Sport's Day



Children in Red, Blue, Yellow and Purple groups will have their Sport's Day on Wednesday 10th July at 9.30am. The events will last for around an hour. Children will take part in lots of races including running, beanbag balancing and many more! After all that hard work, children will have an ice lolly and relax! Children can wear sports clothes and trainers if they wish. Parents are welcome to attend and join in with our Parent's Race!

Raffle

We will be holding raffles at each Sport's Day event to raise money for our school funds. This pays for things such as baking ingredients, playdough ingredients and other activities that we do with the children.



If you have anything you would like to donate for a raffle prize, please give to a staff member. If you know of any local businesses that may be able to donate, please let us know!

School places

We will soon be putting up a display in the porch showing which Primary schools are school-leaver children will be going to. This will show the school name, your child's first name and their current group colour. If you would not like your child to be part of this display, please let us know.

What are we learning this half term?

Our topic this half term will be based around 'animals'. Children will be listening to lots of stories that have animals as the main characters. We will be talking about different animals and where they live. Our older children will be enjoying pre-phonics games to develop their listening and attention skills, helping them to be 'Big School' ready.



In maths, we are continuing to develop our understanding of number and will be matching numerals to quantities. We will also be practising recognising amounts without counting to become subitising superstars!

This term we are also focusing on self help skills to support children in their transition to school. This includes things such as putting on their own shoes and coats and trying to do things before asking an adult for help.

Parent governor vacancy

We have one vacancy in our governing body for parents to join us. The governors meet once every term to discuss the school's progress and how it can be improved. Each governor also has a link area in which they meet with Mrs Hymers to discuss and monitor. No previous experience is necessary, but a keen interest in the wellbeing of our pupils is essential.

If you are interested in joining us, please speak to Erin for more information.

Attendance



Unfortunately our attendance has dipped this half term to 88%. Most of this is due to illnesses such as slapped cheek, chicken pox and vomiting bugs.

We hope that next half term, we can get our numbers back up to our usual high percentages! For every day missed by your child, they lose three lessons of learning as well as lots of learning through play. If you need help with your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Hymers.

Parent consultations

Parent consultations will be taking place on **Wednesday 3rd July between 3.00pm and 5.00pm** for those children that will be with us next year so that you can find out how they are doing. Some of you will have just had a meeting if your child started with us in April and so you do not need to book another. Children that are leaving us to go to Primary School will receive a written report instead.

You can book a timeslot by speaking to your child's key worker.



Party Day

Children are having a party day on Friday 19th July to celebrate the end of year and to say goodbye to our school leavers. Children can wear party clothes, but please make sure they are suitable for the warm weather and nursery. There will be a disco and lots of games ran by staff. If your child does not attend nursery on a Friday, please speak to Erin who will book your child in to attend the party.

Petting farm

We have invited a petting farm into Nursery for all children on Monday 22nd July. Animals about Town will bring along goats, pig, sheep and other smaller animals for children to pet and feed. Children will be split into groups so that they can spend lots of time with them. If your child does not attend Nursery on a Monday but you would like them to take part, they are welcome to join from 1.50pm to 2.30pm. Please book a space with Erin at the school office.



Congratulations

Miss Bond and Mrs Phillips have both had beautiful baby girls and are settled back home.

A huge congratulations to Miss Franklin who is getting married in the half-term holidays. She will be keeping her maiden name until September 2024 when she will be known as Mrs Lowes.