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## Important information regarding the end of the school year

Dear Parent and Carers,

### Important message about school closing early on Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> July instead of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July due to rewiring of the school

A few weeks ago, I was informed that the school has been successful in bidding for some money to have the whole school rewired. **This means that the school will be closed to everyone, over the 6-weeks summer holidays** as contractors will need the whole of this time to complete the work. It will also mean we need to **close the school a week earlier** than was originally advertised, **which will mean closing on Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> July**, so it will be **closed for 7-weeks to all children, except to Key Worker Children**, as the staff need to prepare the school for the contractors to come in on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to start work straight away. **This decision has not been taken lightly, as the governors and I know our children have been out of school for too long already this academic year, but as we want to be able to reopen on Thursday 03<sup>rd</sup> September for all children, we feel it is better to close the school this term rather than coming back to school later in September.** Please except the Governors and my apologies for any inconvenience this will cause families, but the rewiring of the school is of the utmost importance to the health and safety of all children and staff working in the building.

To clarify:

- School will close for the summer holidays on Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> July for Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 children.
- School will remain open from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Key Worker children and then will be closed from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July for the summer holidays.

### Summer Holidays Free School Meals Vouchers

As you are probably aware, the government announced recently that they will be providing Free School Meal Vouchers for parents who are in receipt of certain benefits and are entitled to Free School Meals for their children over the summer holidays this year. The current information we have been given regarding receiving the vouchers are as follows.

- **The week before the summer holidays begin or in the first week of the holidays you will receive a voucher to the value of £90 per child (this is a one-off payment, which covers the whole of the 6-weeks holiday).**
- Once you have redeemed the voucher you will be able to use this voucher multiple times until you have spent the whole value of the voucher.
- If you want to know how much money is left on the voucher you will be able to ask the shop your voucher is for and they will let you know how much is left on it.

**If your child is currently attending school and the Free School Meals Vouchers have stopped being sent to you because your child is receiving a meal in school, then once we close for the summer you will receive the one-off voucher too.** When we know more about the scheme, we will let you know.



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## Class teachers for September

Normally at this time of year, your child/ren would be meeting their new teachers for September. Unfortunately, as everything else since March this will not be happening now. So, with this in mind I thought children and parents would like to know **who will be teaching each class next academic year.** **Please do share with your children who will be teaching them next academic year, so they know before returning to school.**

**Reception: Mrs Caffrey and Mrs Smith**

**Year 1 – Ms Shipman and Miss Dalziel**

**Year 2 – Mr Tooth, Miss Bonham and Miss Painting**

**Year 3 – Mrs West, Miss Mullen and Mrs Peplow**

**Year 4 – Miss Young and Mrs Dalziel**

**Year 5 – Mr Tobias and Miss Crane**

**Year 6 – Mr Caffrey and Mrs Koumi**

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. Ashley  
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