



September 2021

At the time of writing, the Government has announced the removal of 'bubbles' for schools, which will mean that we can return to many of the whole school activities we have had to miss out on or provide in a compromised way since lockdowns/restrictions began in March 2020.

Specifically this will mean next term:

- 1) **9:10 am start for all pupils**, i.e. no staggered entry. The school gate will open at 9:00 and all classes will congregate on the playground, ahead of being brought in by a member of staff.
- 2) Pupils will have break and lunch times together. Thus all pupils will eat together in the hall, as was the case prior to March 2020.
- 3) Assemblies will now be all together in the school hall, not via Zoom or as separate 'bubbles'. This includes Sharing Assembly, which will be held at 3pm every Friday. Initially for the first few weeks this will be without parents and carers in attendance, but once settled back into the term, we hope to invite you back if you are able to join us – further details will be sent next term.
- 4) PE Kits – One positive of the Covid restrictions, has been the wearing of PE kits to school. This has meant less time wasted in changing during the lesson, as well as a lot less lost kit! Therefore, we wish to continue this next academic year.
- 5) We are still asking that visitors, including parents, wear a mask when inside our school building.

Please be aware the Government may reverse its guidance for schools on restrictions in place, just as it already has with regards to mask wearing within a week of issuing the new guidance!

Lastly, if you have booked a holiday abroad this summer, we expect families to adhere to the Government self-isolation periods, if required, before returning to school.



Sports Day

The children were excellent during our Sports Day last Tuesday, showing great sportsmanship to other members of their class and beyond.

In the morning, the children participated in team-based events, whilst in the afternoon there were mostly individual races on our running track.

Both the results of the morning and afternoon events contributed to each house's overall score, so that a winner could be chosen.

The results were Ash with 5430 points came in 3rd, Oak amassed 5640 points to clinch 2nd, which means that Elm were victorious with 5840 points. Pictured are the Elm Captain and Vice Captain celebrating their win. On the 2nd page of the newsletter are some action shots from the activities the children participated in.





Caring
Challenging
Celebrating





Racing excellence

Nina from Class 3 has been excelling in one of her hobbies outside of school. Nina took her race car to Aldershot in Hampshire, to the Tim Cotter Memorial event. After finishing 6th in the first heat and 5th in the 2nd heat, Nina blew away the competition to finish 1st in the final. The photo shows her holding a very impressive looking trophy – well done Nina!



Dates for your diary

Last day of term	21/7/21
PD Day (no school)	1/9/21
PD Day (no school)	2/9/21
First day back	3/9/21



Lost property

We keep collecting children's jumpers and other clothes from the playground or the field. Whilst we try our best to return them to their rightful owner, many of the garments we have found have no name, either sewn in or handwritten onto the labels. Therefore, some of the clothes have ended up in our lost property bin, which resides in the courtyard area just outside Class 1. If you are missing an item of your children's clothing, then please take a look before the end of term.



Stars of the Week

The Stars of the Week last few times were:



Miss Allen

Miss Allen is returning to her university course next term, so sadly will be leaving our school.

During her time here, she has run the Breakfast Club with Mrs Mack, been a Midday Assistant and offered brass tuition to some of our children.

We wish Miss Allen all the best in her final year of university – I am sure we will get updates from her mum who works with Class 1.

Gavin Bowyer will be taking on the brass tuition from September.