

Tickford Times

22nd July 2021

Summer Holidays

It is my privilege to write to you all, at the end of a rather unusual academic year, to thank you for your support throughout the year. I have been grateful this year, for the warm welcome that I was given when I joined the school community last September, and for the openness, support and collaboration of parents throughout the year.

Whilst we have had our fair share of challenges to overcome this year, I am proud of the things that we have accomplished together, and wish to extend to you my thanks for the role that you have all played in this.

The end of term is tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to both pupils and colleagues who are leaving us. We send our very best wishes with Miss Hall, Miss Lennox, Mrs McLean-Hall and Mrs Osgood who are all moving on.

We are also saying farewell to Mrs Quinn, who is stepping back from her class teaching role – although we are delighted that we will still be seeing her in school, working with some of your children next year.

I am sure that you will all join me in thanking each of these for all that they have done for your children, for the team, and for the school community, during their time at Tickford Park.

We also send our best wishes with our wonderful Year 6 pupils, whose time at Tickford Park has come to an end. We wish them all the best in their future education, careers and lives – we look forward to hearing about all of the exciting things that they will go on to achieve.

We are also welcoming new faces to our team for September and we look forward to working with Miss Brookman, Miss Heath, Mrs Macioce and Miss Nova who will all be joining us in the new academic year.

In the meantime, we wish a relaxing, safe and enjoyable summer to you and all of your families.

Summer Celebrations

We'd like to express our thanks to the Friends of Tickford Park for funding a bouncy fun day for all of our children. It was lovely seeing the smiles on the children's faces as they played on the inflatables; it felt like a nice way to end the year and I hope that the children all enjoyed this.

Thank you too, to the Friends of the School, for funding the Year 6 Leavers' Party which went ahead in the sunshine on Wednesday evening. I am so pleased that we were able to go ahead with this event, to celebrate the children's final days at the school, alongside today's awards ceremony, which we were delighted to be able to invite parents to join us for.



Autumn Term 2021

On Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September, we have two Staff Development Days. On these days, the school is closed to pupils. Children should return to school on Monday 6th September.

In September, it is our intention to return to our previous timings for the start and end of the school day. These will be as follows:

8:30am	Classroom doors open.
8:40am	Start of school day.
3:00pm	End of day – Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1.
3:05pm	End of day – Key Stage 2.

We anticipate that children will enter their classrooms by the doors that they used on our recent transition days.

We do not expect that it will be necessary for parents to wear masks when bringing their children to school and there is likely to be some mixing of year groups in the Autumn term; however, we will issue further information, via Class Dojo, before the end of the summer holidays, once we have a clearer picture of the latest government guidance for September.

Charity Fundraiser

It was lovely to hear this week about the fundraising exploits of Ella, from Peridot class, who grew her hair long and then donated it to The Little Princess Trust, raising over £1200 for the charity in the process!

Well done Ella, for raising so much money and taking on such a lovely act to support those who are less fortunate than yourself. We are all very proud of you.



You can find more about The Little Princess Trust on their website, [here](#).

