



SINCLAIR PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I hope everyone is having a good term so far. I cannot believe that we are almost through another school year! Let's hope that the sun makes an appearance for the remainder of the academic year.

We are really busy making lots of arrangements for the end of term, including performances, celebration events and transition. Shortly all of our children will meet their new teacher during Wednesday, 6th July and a full staffing list will follow this day.

Curriculum and Enrichment

SATS

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 6 and Year 2 children who have now completed their SATS – we are extremely proud of their growth mindset and determination. Our Year 1 children have now also completed their Phonics checks where they were able to show their fabulous reading skills. Year 4 were able to show their multiplication knowledge in the multiplication tables check (MTC).

House Competitions

The children have continued this term to work hard on the house competitions. They have competed in a knowledge and charity competition. This is ongoing and results will be published in the July Newsletter.

Knowledge - History

This half term competition sees us delve into the past with a range of questions including (but certainly not limited to) ancient, early modern and also scientific history. We are very excited and impressed by how much the children have already been able to retrieve from their memories.

Charity

During this half term, we are raising awareness of the threats to our oceans. The children will take part in an art project to produce a bottle cap piece of art designed to show a message about this issue.

Well done everyone and keep up the hard work!

Current News

Year 6 has a residential trip this half term.

The group will spend a week in Devon. They will take part in a wide range of land and sea based activities including: body boarding, kayaking, abseiling and assault courses. We thank your teachers in advance for working so many hours of unpaid overtime. Teachers come away from their families and I really appreciate the effort that this takes.

School Council update

This term, the school council have researched and educated their peers on how to properly care for the different vegetables that have been planted in our school grounds. Each class is now monitoring the watering and weeding of their respective vegetables and we look forward to taste testing and watching the vegetables flourish!

Each partnership school is working incredibly hard towards receiving the Queen's Green Canopy Award. Looking forward to the end of term, the school council will be further supporting this by creating a video to showcase all the wonderful eco projects that we have completed in school. This term, we have held a poster competition to highlight woodland dangers and the children have undertaken eco walks to identify and classify the diverse range of trees within our school grounds. To improve biodiversity within the grounds, each year group has enjoyed preparing a bug hotel to attract a wide range of wildlife and insects!

Food allergies

As an annual treat, I love to share an ice lolly with the children! These are 100% fruit-flavoured but if your child has any allergies please let their class teacher know. *It's one of my favourite things in the year!*

Water Bottles.

Please can you ensure that children only bring water bottles with squash in for lunchtimes only, they are not allowed these in class during lessons, they have cups that they can drink water with.

Nut allergies

We have a number of children and staff with severe nut allergies. With this in mind, I ask that families do not have any snacks and ensure that all packed lunches are 'nut free'. This includes peanut butter or Nutella which can be a major cause of anaphylactic shock in some children. Your care and support in this is greatly appreciated.



Summer Activities 2022

Superstar Sports will once again be holding their holiday activity club during the summer holidays. These will be on:

25th – 29th July

1st – 5th August

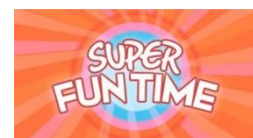
8th – 12th August

15th – 19th August

Fliers have already been sent home outlining all the exciting activities they will be running during these weeks.

Year 6 Leavers' 'Inflatable' Festival

Year 6 will be taking part in a whole day of fun activities on the field on Tuesday, 19th July. Please make sure that your child has a named PE kit, sunhat & suncream with them.



A picnic lunch, juice, water and treats will be provided throughout the day. If your child uses an inhaler, please make sure it's in school so they can bring it with them. All children will be registered and dismissed from class as normal.

REMINDERS from the office

Coming into school

Pupil's should not enter the main reception in the mornings unless they are late arriving for school. If this is before 8.30am you will be redirected to your child's class entrance by a member of the office team. This is a very busy period of the day and your co-operation and patience are greatly appreciated.

School meals

If your child is going to arrive late to school and they wish to have a cooked meal at lunchtime, we would be grateful if you could let the office know in advance by telephone. Unfortunately, if your child arrives after 9.30am, and we have not been notified, your child will receive a "spare".

Please note once your child is in Year 3, unless your are in receipt of social benefits, your child will no longer receive Universal Free School Meals. If you wish your child to continue to partake of a cooked meal at lunchtime the cost is £2.50 per day.

Medicines

If your child has any medication on the school site, such as an inhaler, antihistamine, epipen etc. please collect it on the last day of term, **Friday, 22nd July, by 2pm** as we will need to dispose of medication left in school later that day.





When we return to school in September, if your child needs any medicine during the school day which has been prescribed by their doctor, please hand it in at the school office and complete a new Administration of Medicine form for 2022-23.

During the year please remember to collect any medicine that your child no longer needs and ensure that medicine kept on site is in date and in good supply. Thank you

Dates for your Diary



- Wednesday 6th July – Year 6 transition day
- w/c Monday, 11th July – Year 6 Skern Lodge residential
- Tuesday 19th – Yr 6 leavers festival
- Friday, 22nd July – Rearranged sport day – 1pm start
- Friday, 22nd July – Non-uniform day
- Friday, 22nd July – Break up for Summer holiday
- Thursday, 1st September – Inset Day
- Friday, 2nd September – Children return to school
- Thursday, 20th and Friday, 21st October – Inset Days
- w/c 15th May 2023 – Year 5 & 6 Bikeability
- Thursday, 25th and Friday, 26th May 2023 – Inset Days

You will note that some of our INSET Days are disaggregated. This is when I choose to spread an INSET day over a different time and then school closes on the noted date. I spread these across several terms in the form of 2 hr twilights 4pm – 6pm. This training is very useful as it spreads learning and research tasks across the year and impacts upon learning outcomes well.

So, please do not be surprised if you see a member of staff out and about... they are not skipping school – they have already worked extra twilight hours.

SCHOOL YEAR 2022-23

2022-23 term dates

| Term | Open | Half term | Close |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Autumn 2022 | 1 September | 24 October - 28 October | 16 December |
| Spring 2023 | 3 January | 13 February - 17 February | 31 March |
| Summer 2023 | 17 April | 29 May - 2 June | 21 July |

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Thursday, 1st September 2022

Thursday, 20th October 2022 Disaggregated

Friday, 21st October 2022 Disaggregated

Thursday, 25th May 2023 Disaggregated

Friday, 26th May 2023 Disaggregated

Have a wonderful last few weeks of the Summer Term

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Montague', written in a cursive style.

Gerida Montague

Executive Headteacher