

1st April 2021

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Thank you to all of the children who came to school in non-uniform and joined in with the class quizzes to help raise **£687.22**. We particularly enjoyed seeing those in superhero costumes!



Morning drop off & Parking

It is evident that some parents/carers are not using the pedestrian crossing and warden, and children are sometimes sent across the busy road by themselves. It is really not worth the risk and we have seen nasty accidents in the past. We would urge you to help us teach children to always search for, and use, the safest place to cross so that they make the right choices for themselves in the future.

If you can walk to school, we ask that you support us by doing so. If you need to come by car, please park further away and walk a little more, as this will help ensure children's safety. This will also help ensure local residents can access their own driveways and pedestrians can use pavements safely.

End of School Day

Please can we ask parents to remember to social distance whilst waiting at the school gate and restrict drop off to **one** adult only. A reminder to all parents at the end of the school day, year groups will be dismissed at the following times from their assigned exits:

- Year 3 will be dismissed at **3.15pm**
- Year 4 will be dismissed at **3.20pm**
- Year 5 will be dismissed at **3.25pm**
- Year 6 will be dismissed at **3.30pm**

Please try to arrive as close to the assigned time as possible to prevent too many people gathering at the school gate and leave the area as soon as you have collected your child.

COVID

We would like to assure you that we are continuing with our enhanced hygiene procedures in school to help avoid any further closures. The children have been brilliant in working with us and have been very understanding of the restrictions that affect them. Thank you!

The government have updated their guidance about COVID testing (plus other useful advice) and a link is given below: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Communicating with School

Please do not come on to the school site without a prior appointment. These can be made by calling or emailing the school. Can we please ask parent/carers who have to come on to the school site that you wear a **face mask**.

Dinner Money

Dinner money is £12.50 per week (i.e. £2.50 per meal). If you prefer to pay for the half-term in advance, it will be **£72.50** for Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May. Please ensure that payments are made promptly using our online system. Outstanding dinner money invoices are sent by email and we wish to remind you that dinner money **should always be paid in advance not arrears**. We hope that your child will have school dinners but please remember to give the school office one week's notice in writing of any changes to your child's lunch arrangements.

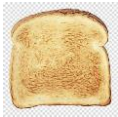
Cake Sale

The kitchen will be selling homemade chocolate sponge cake on a Friday morning break priced at 50p. This will start on Friday 23rd April. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay on-line payment. Cake can be found in 'Products' then 'Cake Friday'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance for the half-term, this will ensure your child receives cake on a Friday. For the half-term it will be **£3.00**. Payment should be made no later than Sunday 18th April 2021.



Toast Sale

When we return after Easter the kitchen will be selling toast at break time priced at 40p per slice (2 halves) - max 1 slice per child.



Monday - Year 3
Tuesday - Year 4
Wednesday - Year 5
Thursday - Year 6

Toast sales will start week commencing 19th April. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay on-line payment. Toast can be found under 'Products' then 'toast'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance for the half-term, this will ensure your child receives toast on their nominated day. For the half-term it will be **£2.40**. Payment should be made no later than Sunday 18th April 2021.

Hotdog Lunch

Wednesday 28th April

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a lunch on Wednesday 28th April. If you would like your child to have a lunch the cost is £2.50. **Payment for Hot dog lunches can now be made using Scopay on-line payment system.** Hot dog lunch can be found in 'Products' then 'Hot dog Lunch'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance, this will ensure your child receives a lunch on that day. Payment should be made no later than Wednesday 21st April.

Lunch Menus

We will be running a 3-week lunch menu rota. These will be available to view on the school website. When we return to school after Easter we will be on Week 1.

Payments to school

Can we please remind parents that we are a cashless school, and all payments should be made using our online payments system <https://www.scopay.com/walmley-jun> We do not hold any cash in school and therefore cannot refund any payments made in cash that subsequently need to be returned. **Please note that any cash payments made, that need to be returned will sit on your child's account for you to use for a future trip/event.**

Water Bottles

Please provide your child with a named water bottle. The children always have access to water and they will need their bottle in school every day to keep them sufficiently hydrated. Please do not send them in with squash.

PE Kits / Uniform

Please can you ensure your child has a full PE kit including trainers, white t-shirt, navy shorts, navy joggers/tracksuit bottoms and a warm top. Can you also ensure that your **child's name is written inside all uniform**. We still have far too much lost property every week which could easily be given back to the right children if pieces were named.

Online Safety/Safeguarding Tip of the week

Always make sure the URL on a website starts with https before you buy anything or transfer personal details. The “s” means it’s secure. If it’s not, hackers could steal or track your details.

Earlybirds Bookings

If you need to make an emergency booking, it must be made before 12 o’clock on that day. In addition, if you cancel an Earlybirds session after 12 o’clock, you will have to collect your child from Earlybirds as they may have already been taken there by a member of the Earlybirds team.

Dates for the Diary

Summer Term 2021

19 th April	School Open
3 rd May	Bank Holiday
28 th May	Break up for Half Term
7 th June	Teacher Training Day
8 th June	School Open
21 st June	Class Photos
20 th July	Break up for Summer Holidays
21 st July	Teacher Training Day

Autumn Term 2021

2 nd September	Teacher Training Day
3 rd September	Teacher Training Day
6 th September	School Open
27 th September	Individual Photos
22 nd October	Break up for Half Term
1 st November	School Open
16 th December	Break up for Christmas
17 th December	Teacher Training Day

Spring Term 2022

4 th January	Teacher Training Day
5 th January	School Open
18 th February	Break up for Half Term
28 th February	School Open
8 th April	Break up for Easter

Summer Term 2022

25 th April	School Open
2 nd May	Bank Holiday
27 th May	Break up for Half Term
6 th June	Teacher Training
7 th June	School Open
22 nd July	Break up for Summer Holidays