



Headteacher's Introduction

It has been another busy week in school and a very hot one!

We have enjoyed teaching the children in their bubbles and managing the home learning and phone calls home. There are some excellent things happening around school and in your houses still. Thank you for your ongoing support with all of this.

As you will see in the latest Pathfinder newsletter that we will be closing on Friday, 17th July, at the end of term to all children – including vulnerable children and those of key workers.

Home Learning

Work for next week will be uploaded by 5pm on Friday. Please remember that you don't have to do everything each day, but the structure is in place to support you in planning your days and to give your children something meaningful and engaging to work on.

Temperature in School

In complete contrast to last week it has been very hot in school. We do try to keep children out of the sun as much as possible but would like to remind you to send sun hats with your children as needed. Sun cream cannot be applied by staff so should be applied before school or can be brought in if children can do it themselves.

Travel Survey

As part of our travel work, we normally do a 'hands up' survey at the end of the year to see how the children travel to school and any improvements on the year before. Sustrans have produced an online survey to do instead this year. Please could you take 5 minutes to complete this survey for us?

The link for the survey is here: <https://sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/parent-survey-june-2020>

As an incentive, parents will have the opportunity to enter a prize draw within the survey. Winners will receive a voucher for a half-day hire of a non-conventional bike from Get Cycling.

This is the final step to help us secure the Bronze travel award which we have been working on recently.

Thank you for your support.

Chromebook Loans

When we first went into lockdown, some of you borrowed Chromebooks from school to help with access to home learning. As we approach the end of the year, we need to ask for them to be returned to us. Clearly they will still be in use with home learning for the next three weeks. After that, we do need them back so would ask that you please to **return them to school by 3pm on Thursday 16th July at the latest.**

We do need to check them back in, so please either leave it in the main entrance of school with a label indicating the child's name or hand it to a member of staff from the office.



Summer Reading Challenge

Please see below a message from Explore York Libraries:

This summer Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020, which is produced by the Reading Agency, is going digital so that children can still take part even if libraries are not fully open!

The theme is fun, laughter and silliness.

Explore York Libraries and Archives will launch the Challenge on Friday 10th July. Parents will be able to sign their children up to the challenge through the Summer Reading Challenge page of Explore's website.

<https://www.exploreyork.org.uk/children/summer-reading-challenge/> This link will not be available until we launch the challenge but will link to the Summer Reading Challenge website, which the Reading Agency are providing.

Children can borrow e-books and audio books to take part from Explore's Overdrive, our e-lending platform. You will find information on how to join up to this on our website.

Children will be able to set how many books they wish to read for the challenge themselves. As well as this there will be games to play and activities to download.

Best of all it is free to take part.

As well as the Challenge we are going to have activities on our website that children can download or watch. These will be available from Saturday 18th July. Children will also be able to achieve their Arts Award Discover certificate by taking part in these activities as well as those of the Army Museum and York Museums Trust. They will find details of this on all our websites during the summer holiday period.

We will not be handing out medals or certificates this year as the children get online rewards.

As the Reading Agency are recording data we will not be presenting the Schools Cup.

School Uniform Ordering

We have had an update from yourschooluniform.com who has asked us to remind parents to order uniform in July so that it can be delivered before 1st September. Orders placed in August may not be delivered in time for the start of term.