

Newsletter – May 2021

Key Dates for Summer 2

Return to school - Monday 7th June

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check - Week beginning 7th June

Big Talk Education Parent's Consultation Zoom Meeting - Tuesday 8th June @ 4:30pm

Big Talk Education Growing Up Safe Workshops - Monday 14th June

Full day transition for Y6 pupils going to Clifton Comprehensive - Wednesday 23rd June

Records of Achievement to be sent home - Monday 28th June

Parents Evening Phone Calls - Thursday 1st July

Spotlight Day - Friday 2nd July

Y6 start at Clifton Secondary School - Monday 5th July

Last day of the school year - **Tuesday 20th July**

Return to school - **Thursday 2nd Sept 2021**

Fund Raising

Our Easter Raffle was a huge success, thank you to those who bought tickets and well done to those who have won a tasty treat. We have raised £248 in total and we will be using this for resources for our children to use in school.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation during our Pyjamarama Day - we raised a fantastic £128, this money will be used to purchase some new books for our children. The day was a great success and as part of the day we launched our Summer Reading Challenge, where all children have been asked to draw a new book cover for their favourite book - a winner will be selected from each phase, with the winners being able to select their own prize. We can't wait to see all of the entries.

Eid

On Friday 21st May we celebrated Eid across school. Some of our wonderful Y5/6 children started the celebrations by leading an assembly where they were able to share how they celebrated Eid and the traditions linked to this religious festival. It was lovely to see the children enjoying the creative activities linked to this religious event throughout the day. Please follow us on our school Twitter account to see photographs from the day.

Picture This!

Each year Rotherham Local Authority hold an art event across all schools called Picture This! This year's theme for the art project is based on Sheffield through the years. Our school, along with many others from across the borough, will be having a range of our children's art work displayed at Gullivers Valley Theme Park. Please watch out for further information about this being shared over the course of the next half term.

Young Geographer of the Year Award - Remapping our Lives

This year our KS2 children will be given the opportunity to participate in the Royal Geographical Society's Young Geographer of the Year Award. During the first week back after half term (7th - 11th June) our children will be set a series of geographical activities linked to map work to complete with a selection of entries being submitted from each phase for the national competition. We will be sharing outcomes from the competition with you all before the end of the year.

Transition

Some of our Y6 children will be leaving our school on Friday 2nd July to start the next chapter in their education at Clifton Comprehensive School. I know you will all join me in wishing them the best of luck in their new adventures - we will be incredibly sad to see them leave. Even though there may still be some restrictions in place due to Covid-19, we will be planning a number of celebratory activities leading up to their final day and the Y6 team will be in touch in due course with details of these plans.

We will begin transition activities for the rest of school from week beginning 5th July. As always, we will plan a phased transition period whereby the children will be given a number of opportunities to meet their next class teacher before transitioning into their new class. Along with myself and Mrs Vickers, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Fenton will be meeting class teachers over the coming weeks to ensure that the needs of all children are shared in advance and appropriate supports put in place to ensure as successful a transition as possible. We will of course be taking into account any restrictions still in place during our transition period and we will endeavour to share an outline of our transition programme with you all nearer the time. Should you have any concerns regarding the next academic year please speak to your child's class teacher.

Uniform & Jewellery

Can we just remind you that school uniform should be worn at all times, we have spare uniform in school if you are short. Please make sure your child does not come to school wearing jewellery, hooped earrings are dangerous and should not be worn.

Thank You

Myself and the rest of the team at East Dene would like to say thank you to all of you for the support you have shown us during what has been another very challenging year. We appreciate that some of the restrictions that have had to be put in place have made it difficult at times but we are massively grateful to you all for following the guidelines and doing all you can to keep our community safe.

Special thanks go to Cody's dad Mr Hill for continuing to support us by bringing additional safety resources into school. We are so lucky to work with such a caring community.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break, hopefully the weather will be much improved! We will see you all on Monday 7th June.

Take care and stay safe
