

Newsletter – June 2022

Congratulations to Year 6

Many of our Y6s will be leaving our school on Friday 24th June to start their extended transition to Clifton Comprehensive School. I want to say how incredibly proud we all are of them and how they have conducted themselves during this year despite the challenges of the previous 2 years. They showed unbelievable determination and resilience during the SATs week, sitting 6 tests over 4 days. They took each test in their stride and each and every one of them gave their best. We know that they will continue to thrive as they move to secondary school and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best of luck! They will always be part of our East Dene family and we look forward to celebrating their time at our school next week with various events planned including water fights, discos, games afternoons and of course, the end of KS2 performance. If your child is in Year 6 please check Class Dojo as Mrs Spafford has posted a list of events and dates of these.

Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee

A wonderful time was had celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This monumental occasion was marked in school by a street party with a royal themed picnic lunch, where the children entertained each other by singing songs from the last 70 decades and dancing along to them. It was so special to see our whole school community together, celebrating and enjoying the occasion. This was followed by our fantastic Platinum Jubilee Fair, which was enjoyed by children, parents and staff alike. Thank you to those of you who attended the fair and supported our school. We raised a remarkable £749.19 which will be spent improving our school library.



Sports Day

We look forward to welcoming you all to our annual Sports Days on Tuesday 21st June. We will be holding our F2 & KS1 at 9.30am-10.30am and KS2 at 2pm-3pm, weather permitting! Children can come to school wearing their PE kits on this day or if they prefer, they can bring their kits to school to change into. Can you please make sure your child has a water bottle in school on this day. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and can we ask that you send your child with a cap/sun hat and make sure they have sun cream applied before coming to school.

F1 (Nursery) Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 13th July 10am-11am

Picture This

Our children have once again taken part in Rotherham's Picture This project. The art project this year was based around the theme of Movement and our children have been busy making a range of sculptures representing different types of movement. They have totally

blown us away and we most definitely have some amazing artists in our school! The Picture This exhibition is being held at Gulliver's Valley, near Rother Valley and will be open from Wed 22nd June from 4pm until the end of September. Entry into the exhibition is free. If you do visit the exhibition please come and let us know what you think to our school display!

Family Learning

Thank you to all of you who have recently attended our family learning sessions, we hope you have enjoyed being back in school and having the opportunity to work alongside your child. We know we have certainly enjoyed hosting these events! We look forward to holding more family learning sessions over the coming weeks and months. If you have any suggestions as to what family learning events you think we should hold then please do let us know by messaging your child's class teacher on Dojo or by ringing the school office on 01709 512202.



Summer Fair

We are pleased to announce that our Summer Fair Spectacular will be returning this year, it will be held on **Wednesday 13th July** and gates will open at 1:30pm. There will be games, stalls and entertainment and we look forward to seeing you all there!

Our Curriculum

We are continuing to further adapt and refine our wider curriculum, which includes such subjects as History, Geography, Art, Music and Computing. Staff have been working hard to develop personalised History, Geography and Art curriculums for our children and we have been fortunate enough to work alongside teaching and learning consultants from the local authority to make sure our curriculum offer is as strong as it can be. We will be holding some information events in the Autumn Term to share with you our curriculum offer and to talk about how we teach these subjects. We hope many of you will be able to attend these. We will share information regarding the curriculum meetings as we return to school in September.

Wellbeing Ambassadors

Miss Tompkins, who is a trained mental health first aider, has recently been working with a group of our Y5 children, supporting them to become Wellbeing Ambassadors. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors will offer support to some of our younger children, helping them to transition into their new classes with increased confidence. Our Year 5 children have really impressed Miss Tompkins with their levels of maturity and also their ability to empathise and resolve problems sensibly and responsibly. We look forward to seeing the fantastic support that they offer to others.

Parent's Evening

We have our final parent's evening of the academic year on Thursday 23rd June. You do not need to make an appointment to attend this session. Teachers will be available from 3:30pm - 5:00pm if you wish to speak to them.

Classes for September 2022

We are currently in the process of finalising plans for September and we hope to be able to share these with you over the next few weeks. We know this can often be a time of anxiety for both parents and children alike but please rest assured that we will do all we can to make sure your child's transition into their new class is as smooth as possible. If you have any particular worries or concerns, please share these with your child's class teacher and a member of staff will be in touch!

Thank you to all of you for your ongoing support. We look forward to welcoming you into school for the events that will be taking place during the remainder of this term. Please don't forget that the final day of school for this academic year is on **Wednesday 20th July**.