



1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### July Scripture – Matthew 12:47-50

Someone told him, “Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” and pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

### INSET Day

A quick reminder that school will be closed for our pupils tomorrow, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021, for a staff inset day.

### Transition Meetings for Reception and Nursery Pupils

It has been a pleasure and delight to meet all of our new Nursery and Reception children who are due to start with us in September, it has been a busy fortnight seeing you all in small socially distanced bubbles and we cannot wait for you all to join our school family.

### School Photographer

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July is the last day you can order photographs to be delivered into school, after this time you can still order online but it would need to be delivered to your home address.

### Adam Bushnell – Author

Adam Bushnell, a fabulous children’s author and teacher, has been in school over the last two weeks working with children in every class. They have had a brilliant time engaging with his stories and writing their own.

### Sports Day

All of our pupils will be carrying out activities in their class bubbles, weather permitting over the next few weeks to support ‘Sports Day’ however unfortunately no parents will be able to attend again this year. Unfortunately, with 450+ pupils and all their parents the COVID security of the event would be impossible to manage safely. Nevertheless, pupils will still have the opportunity to take part.

### Parents meetings

A huge thank you to all of our parents who have been so positive with staff during their phone calls. It has been wonderful to hear how proud you all are of your children and we all join you – we think they are all amazing and have worked so hard this year despite the difficulties and challenges which COVID has presented us all with.

### Lunches

The school cook has decided to help the children celebrate American Independence Day, this will take place, on the last day of term Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. If you would like your child to have a cooked meal that day please let the office know, priced at the usual cost of £2.10 for nursery, £2.20 for school pupils.

### COVID-19

As you are all aware the numbers of positive COVID-19 cases continue to increase in Newcastle. Until the government issues a change to national guidance, we as a school will continue to operate under strict COVID risk assessments. These involve school working very closely with Public Health England on possible bubble closures due to positive cases. Despite what you hear in the news, none of the current guidance around possible bubble closures has changed and none of these decisions are taken lightly. It is infinitely better for all of our pupils to be in school all of the time. I continue to hope and pray that we will not need to close any more bubbles during the last three weeks of term, nevertheless we will also always work in the best interests to keep your children, staff and the community as safe as possible.

### Uniform and hairstyles

I am aware that over the last few weeks that not all of our families are following the schools published uniform policy. It is available for everyone on the school website for anyone to read. Some children are wearing trainers for the last few weeks of school, which we have allowed as they have grown out of school shoes and due to the financial hit of COVID do not want to buy new shoes for three weeks. However, from September 2021, the full uniform policy will be back in place. This also refers to hairstyles, we continually ask parents not to have tramlines and extreme haircuts in their child's hair; nevertheless, some of our boys in particular, are currently competing for the most extreme style; once again I ask for parental support in enforcing our uniform policy. From September, all pupils who continue to flout the rules on uniform will be reminded about the policy and parents will be encouraged to help their child to follow school rules.

As always staff, Governors and I continue to keep you and all of your families in our thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes,

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