

TERM 6 – 18th June 2021



Dear All,

Here we are – the last term of what can only be described as a 'different' year. As always Term 6 is busy, busy. We were delighted to take the Year 6 crew on a trip to Mendip Outdoor Pursuits this week.

Sadly, due to Covid restrictions not changing from our current situation until after the end of term we are not able to open up our Reading Cafe, nor unfortunately can we invite parents to watch sports day later this month. Fingers crossed by September normality will resume.

As you know, our gate now closes at 8:45am, getting your child into school by then provides an important and useful time for your child to settle into school, enhance their learning prior to when the register is taken promptly at 9am for our lessons to begin.

As ever, if there is anything you need us from please call us on 01278 684151 or drop us a line at info@ppsa.theplt.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Emma Barker

YEAR 6 TRIP

The Year 6 crew spent the day at Mendip Outdoor Pursuits this week. On one of the hottest days of the year, they enjoyed an assault course, team building activities and spent the afternoon kayaking and canoeing. They all had the most wonderful, memorable experience, working together brilliantly were a real credit to the school.

SUN SAFE

As the weather hots up it is really important that your children bring a hat and have had sun cream applied before coming to school. Can we please ask that it is only water in water bottles as this is the healthiest option for your children's' teeth and keeps the ants out of the classroom! Thank you.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We all know that circumstances can change, especially in the last few months – if you would like to check if you are eligible for your child to receive free school meals, please go to: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/educationand-families/free-school-meals/>

In addition to your child receiving free school meals, the school also receive additional funding to help support your child in school.

ROAD SAFETY

We are aware that parking is difficult at the moment however please **do not** use the entrance to the school as a place to turn your car. The entrance is for pedestrians only and priority must be given to the maintaining the safety of all children, families and staff.

ATTENDANCE

Ongoing low attendance is a key factor often linked to low levels of academic success. It is important that parents work in partnership with the school to build an enthusiasm for learning and a good record of attendance.

Any child with an attendance below 96% will be closely monitored until it improves to ensure it is dealt with as early as possible to prevent poor habits forming. If your child has an attendance of 95% or below this is the equivalent of missing 1 afternoon or morning every week of the school year.

In addition, we must reiterate that taking

holidays during term time will not be authorised. Anyone wishing to do so must complete a holiday request for from the office. If you do not meet the exceptional circumstances criteria, then you may be issued a penalty notice under section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. The initial penalty is £60 per parent of each child of compulsory school age if paid with 21 days or £120 if paid within 28 days.

We do break up earlier in July and have an additional week holiday in October and we would encourage parents to use these times for family holidays.

MATHS CHALLENGE

Well done to Year 1 and Year 2 this week who completed an online maths competition throughout the week against other schools in the Trust. There was a lot of engagement and we were really proud to have had the highest score on Wednesday. Well done to all those involved.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 29th June - Sports day (weather permitting)
Thursday 1st July to Monday 5th July – Book Fair
Monday 12th July – Class / Sibling photos
Wed 14th to Friday 16th July – Enrichment Activities
Friday 16th July – Last day of term

2020-21 TERM DATES

Term 1: Thursday 2nd September 2021 to Thursday 14th October 2021
(Wednesday 1st September & Friday 15th October are INSET days)
Term 2: Monday 1st November 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021
Term 3: Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022
Term 4: Monday 28th February 2022 to Friday 8th April 2022
Term 5: Monday 25th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022
Term 6: Monday 6th June 2022 to Wednesday 20th July 2022 (Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd July are INSET days)

