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Dear Parent/Carer,

Changes to the school day

You may or may not recall a consultation earlier in the school year regarding the changes to the school day following guidance from the Department of Education. Many thanks to those parents who took the time to share their opinions and ideas regarding the length of the day as this enabled us to make an informed decision of the way forward.



At a meeting of the full governing body last week it was agreed that following the Easter holidays, the school day would be extended from 8:45am to 3:15pm for all pupils. In order to alleviate any parking and traffic issues, the class doors will be opening up from 8:40am and children will have a five minute window to come into their classrooms and registration will open at 8:45am. There will no longer be a need to line up on the playground and wait for the teachers to collect them. There will be members of staff on the doors to welcome the children. The gates onto the playground will be closed at 8:50am so any children who are not punctual will need to enter school via the school office where they will be recorded as late.

Gates and parking



You may remember that before Christmas, we asked for parents not to enter the school car park to drop children off at the start and end of the school day. This also includes children who are in Newchurch Robins at the start and end of the day. We agreed that parents dropping off at Newchurch Robins may drive into the school carpark between 7:30am and 8:00am, and then between 4:15pm and 5:30pm when collecting. This is when the staff carpark will be less crowded and space is available. Many thanks to those parents who have supported us with this.



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Unfortunately, we are still finding that some parents/carers and grandparents are coming into the school carpark to drop their children off, parking in places which are not safe and in some cases, driving at high speed. Therefore, we have taken the decision to close the school gates from 8:00am until 9:15am and from 3:00pm until 4:15pm. This to allow our children to safely arrive and be collected each day. Please be aware that we have a number of children who come into school earlier in the morning for additional tuition and some days we have over 60 children leaving after participating in after school clubs.

We only have a small carpark and this is for staff only. If you are a holder of a blue badge, please show this at the gate and entry will be allowed. If the gate is not manned, then please ring the school office and someone will come to open the gate for you. If you are a blue badge holder but you are accompanied by someone who is able bodied and can collect the children from the playground and drop off, please could we ask that you park outside the school gates as space is a premium. Please could you pass this on to any family members who pick your children up. Please do not be offended if we refuse entry to the staff carpark.

We hope you recognise that this request is to ensure the safety of our children. Young children can be very unpredictable and have varying awareness of risks so we need to mitigate any risks which could be presented to them.

Parent Questionnaires

At the end of the last academic year, we asked parents to complete a questionnaire linked to school improvement. As a result of the feedback we received, changes to the information you receive regarding the progress of your children have been made hence the book sharing session, the interim reports followed by the pupil conferencing in the last few weeks.

Once again, we would like to invite you to provide us with feedback in order to further tweak our provision for your child. We would appreciate just five minutes of your time to complete the following questionnaire. Please select the form appropriate to your child(ren)'s class.

Reception	https://forms.gle/ygiosYQFSB2mU8i6
Year 1	https://forms.gle/Dy5xHzKGBz2tTD5T7
Year 2	https://forms.gle/ba8aq8aFsJ2EHipS8
Year 3	https://forms.gle/86u9ZyNUgZX7aifP9
Year 4	https://forms.gle/7RQsEWtKYMZmag9d9
Year 5	https://forms.gle/Lwd1CmvrhSC2LWeb8
Year 6	https://forms.gle/oLKFF4t5UXB9pL2n8

Teacher Strike

Due to the high media coverage, we are sure you will very much aware of the impending teacher strikes. There are a number of teaching unions which staff may select to support them, one of which has announced strike action.



Over the weekend, we will read and digest the guidance provided by the Department of Education regarding managing schools during strike action and communicate further with you on Monday. Should any of our staff decide to strike, which will result in the class of the striking teacher(s) closing for the day, we will endeavour to communicate with you as soon as is possible. Please be aware that teachers are not required to provide prior notice of their intention to strike and so it could be on the day that we find out. In order for you to consider a contingency plan for child care, the proposed dates are as follows:

- 1st February 2023
- 28th February 2023
- 15th March 2023
- 16th March 2023

Whilst we recognise that this may cause some level of anxiety and frustration, it is important that we recognise each teacher's right to make the choice to strike or not.

And finally, please see the diary of dates below with new, or amended, dates added in red. Year Six parents, please note the changes to the award evening.

With kindest regards,

Jayne Narraway

Mrs J Narraway

Head Teacher

Diary of Dates 2022-2023

Spring 2023

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Monday 23 rd January 2023	Chinese New Year Themed Lunch	All classes
Thursday 26 th January 2023	Year 5 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 5 parents
Thursday 9th February 2023	Year 6 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 6 parents
Thursday 16 th February 2023	Year 6 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 6 parents
Friday 17 th February 2023	School closes	
Monday 27 th February 2023	School opens	
Tuesday 28 th February 2023	Class photographs	All classes
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day	All classes
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day Themed Lunch	All classes
Thursday 9 th March 2023	Reception Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Reception parents



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Thursday 9 th March 2023	Dress down day for Easter egg donations	All classes
Friday 17 th March 2023	Clubs finish	All classes
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Year 1 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 1 parents
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	World Maths Day/TTRockstars Day	All classes
Tuesday 28 th March 2023	Special Needs Parental Conferences	KS1 SEND children's parents
Wednesday 29 th March 2023	Phonics Screening Check Meeting at 3:30pm	Year 1 parents
Thursday 30 th March 2023	Kingswood meeting at 2:30pm	Year 4 parents and children
Tuesday 30 th March 2023	Special Needs Parental Conferences	KS2 SEND children's parents
Friday 31 st March 2023	Easter Extravaganza	All classes
Friday 31 st March 2023	Easter Bingo at 5:30pm	All families welcome
Friday 31 st March 2023	School closes	

Summer 2023

When is it happening?	What is happening?	Who is involved?
Monday 17 th April 2023	School opens	
Monday 17 th April 2023	Book sharing 9:15am – 11:30am and 1:30pm – 4:30pm	All classes
Monday 17 th April 2023	Interim report	All classes
Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6 parents
Wednesday 19 th April 2023	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1 parents
19 th – 21 st April 2023	Kingswood	Year 4
Monday 24 th April 2023	Clubs start	All classes
Monday 24 th April 2023	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2 parents
Tuesday 25 th April 2023	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3 parents
Wednesday 26 th April 2023	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4 parents
Thursday 27 th April 2023	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5 parents
Thursday 27 th April 2023	Year 2 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 2 parents
Tuesday 2 nd May 2023	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception parents
Monday 8 th May 2023	Bank Holiday for Coronation	All classes
Tuesday 9 th May 2023	KS2 SATS SPAG	Year 6
Wednesday 10 th May 2023	KS2 SATS Reading	Year 6
Thursday 11 th May 2023	KS2 SATS Maths Paper 1 and 2	Year 6
Friday 12 th May 2023	KS2 SATS Maths Paper 3	Year 6
Thursday 11 th May 2023	Year 3 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 3
Tuesday 16 th May 2023	KS1 SATS SPAG	Year 2
Wednesday 17 th May 2023	KS1 SATS Reading Paper 1	Year 2
Thursday 18 th May 2023	KS1 SATS Reading Paper 2	Year 2
Friday 19 th May 2023	KS1 SATS Maths Paper 1	Year 2
Tuesday 23 rd May 2023	KS1 SATS Maths Paper 2	Year 2
Friday 26 th May 2023	School closes	



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Monday 12th June 2023	School opens	
W/c 12 th June 2023	Phonics Screening Check	Year 1 and some Year 2
W/c 12 th June 2023	Multiplication Check	Year 4
Wednesday 14 th June 2023	Safety Central trip	Year 5
Thursday 15 th June 2023	Year 4 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 4
Thursday 15 th June 2023	Burwardsley Meeting at 2:30pm	Year 2 parents and children
Thursday 29 th June 2023	Year 5 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 5
Friday 30 th June 2023	Clubs finish	All classes
Tuesday 4 th and Wednesday 5 th July 2023	Burwardsley	Year 2
Thursday 13 th July 2023	Year 6 Loved One to Lunch at 11:30am	Year 6
Friday 14 th July 2023	RobinFest	All classes
Wednesday 19th July 2023	Year 6 Performance and Award Ceremony from 5:30pm	Year 6 and families
Friday 21 st July 2023	KS2 Sports Day (am)	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 21 st July 2023	Reports out	All classes
Monday 24 th July 2023	KS1 Sports Day (am)	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Monday 24 th July 2023	Year 6 performance dress rehearsal (pm)	Year 6
Tuesday 25th July 2023	Year 6 Performance and Award Ceremony from 5:30pm	Year 6 and families
Wednesday 26 th July 2023	Leavers' Assembly at 2pm	All classes
Wednesday 26th July 2023	School closes	



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