



### Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the Summer Term!

The longer days and better weather are energising for all of us and we hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

The spring term was a challenging one for the school and our community, as children and staff were affected by the Covid-19 virus. This has impacted attendance but the huge combined efforts of the staff in providing cover and online learning access for all affected ensured the school operated as close to normal as possible – thank you to all our families for collecting resources and ensuring children were online in lessons when they needed to be!

Going forward into the summer term, we are looking forward to welcoming parents back into school. We are planning to host visitors for Collective Worship from Reverend Jonathan, the Open the Book team and the Chapel team and have already had a visit from the Wombles to inspire children to think about recycling and responsible waste disposal. For parents, we are planning to hold our normal events for parents to attend e.g. Sports Days, PAFA events, and will be informing you of a date for an Open Classroom event in the second half of the summer term to visit classrooms and look at your child's work. The school is also keen to recruit a team of Reading Volunteers to listen to children read on a weekly basis – if this is something you would be interested in and could commit to, there will be a letter coming out for you to respond to.

We are very pleased to announce that, once again, we have a full intake of 15 children to come in the next academic year and we will have new children transferring to us in other year groups too. We are now predicting that we will have 92 children on role – a huge change from 83 in 2021 when I took over as Acting Headteacher which is very exciting and we are looking forward to welcoming all newcomers to our nurturing environment.

The school will be launching a new App connected to our website this term to enhance our communication with you – this would have been during the spring term but had to slip due to the challenges stated above. The App can be downloaded to Apple/Android devices and will enable the Class Teachers to send you messages, update you with news from the classroom and the school will be able to send messages and share the calendar or newsletters with you in an easily accessible format. Details of how to download the App will be sent out shortly.

The Class Teachers will be updating their class pages to show the timetables for the Summer Term and share their topic webs of the themes to be taught this term – please feel free to access and download any information you need. In addition, the newsletters tab on the website features new health and well-being information sheets to enhance our support for our families; we hope you find these useful as there are many web links to support you on a range of topics.

We have been excited to hear that many of our children (and some of our leavers) are involved in the Jubilicious Variety Show which will be held at the Chapel Centre in Billesdon on 20/21 May – details will be on Parentmail for you to book tickets and support the community in a very enjoyable way!

As part of our continued engagement with our community, and in recognition of the difficult times that families may find themselves in now, please do continue to give to our Food Bank in the reception area at school. The items donated need to be tinned, dried or UHT cartons and will be taken to the Church for further distribution to meet need.

The before and after school clubs continue to operate and are very popular, together with The Playhouse sessions which are tailored to the interests of the children attending – we are very fortunate to have a wide range of provision to cater for our children. Please get in touch with the School Office if you are interested in any of the sessions on offer or contact The Playhouse on [Theplayhousebillesdon@hotmail.com](mailto:Theplayhousebillesdon@hotmail.com) or 07727 886193.

Finally, we are delighted that our Faith class children will be off on their Residential at the end of May and we hope to have more class trips organised for this term. We shall keep you posted!

*- Mrs. Willcocks*

## Dates for your Diary

### Summer Term 2022

19 April	Primary School Places Offer Day 2022
25 April	School Open – Summer Term
29 April	Reverend Jonathan Licensing Service @ Tugby Church 3:30pm
9 – 12 May	KS2 SATs week
23-26 May	Faith Class Residential Trip
30 May – 3 June	Half term
4 June	Billesdon Village Fete & Jubilee Celebration
6 – 10 June	Phonics Screen week – Year 1 children
6 – 24 June	Multiplication Check screening window – Year 4 children
7 June	Rounders @ RSA 3:45pm
13 June	KS2 Athletics @ Corby
	New Parents Presentation 2022 New Starters 6pm
14 June	RE Day – Woman at the Well
16 June	Mini-Olympics Y3/4 @ RSA 9:00-2:30pm
20 June	EYFS new starters Home Visit week
21 June	KS1 Multi-Skills day – venue to be confirmed
21/28 June (pm)	Sports Day – to be confirmed
28 & 30 June	EYFS New Starters – Stay & Play Sessions 9:30-11:30am
7 July	End of Term & Y6 Leavers Service – Revd Jonathan – time to be confirmed
<b>7 July</b>	<b>School Close – Summer Holidays</b>
<b>8 July</b>	<b>Platinum Jubilee Day – Leicestershire Maintained Schools</b>

### Forthcoming Dates – 2022-23

#### Autumn Term

25/26 August	Staff Training Days – no children in school
30 August	SCHOOL OPEN (EYFS attend 9-11:30am for week 1)
5 September	EYFS attend 9:00-12:45pm for week 2
12 September	EYFS attend 8:45-3:00pm full time

Please see the website for term dates for 2022-23

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