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## Newsletter July 2021

I would just like to start this newsletter by saying a huge 'thank you' for all your support during the last year - there have been some very difficult times experienced by our children, parents, staff and wider community, and we are all very grateful for the positive comments and emails we have received - they have been greatly appreciated and have really boosted the staff!

Over the last 2 weeks, we have had to close 5 classes due to the children and staff coming into contact with individuals who have received a positive test of Covid19. This came as a huge blow to our school community as we had not had a single case affect our school since January. We know, and appreciate, the problems this presents for our children, our parents and our school staff, many of whom are parents too. The need to self-isolate 150 children and 30 members of staff, and move to remote learning, has had a huge impact on the day-to-day lives of us all, and subsequently that of others around us.

In each of these cases, we have liaised with and acted on the advice of, Public Health to identify the children and staff who may have been affected and have carefully tracked the movements of the individual to ensure all close contacts have been identified and advised to self-isolate. We have done this as quickly as we could so that we could advise parents as soon as possible; we sent out a text last week within 5 minutes of receiving the notification from the parent of their child's positive test which we received just before the start of the school day! We appreciate the inconvenience these notifications have on parents when a bubble has to close, but these are unavoidable as we have to follow Public Health and government guidance to ensure the safety of all.

These individual cases have not been linked (with the exception of a case in siblings) and keeping to class bubbles wherever possible, and being able to track the movements of an individual, has allowed us to keep the number of children and staff required to self-isolate to a minimum, instead of having to ask the whole year group to self-isolate. Some children may have come into indirect contact with the individual with Covid19 when playing outside, but Public Health advice is that this is of lower risk, and use the definition of, 'close, direct contact for self-isolation' as, 'contact with the individual within 1 metre for more than 1 minute and within 2 metres for more than 15 minutes.'

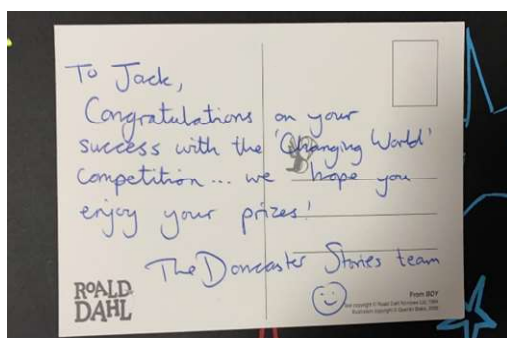
We are very proud of how our children, who are self-isolating, and their parents (and wider support network of family members and friends) have transferred once again to remote learning; we know that the teachers will make this as fun as possible, in the last week of term.

As a school, we are deeply saddened that the school year has ended in this way for some of our children, with two classes of children being unable to return to school before the end of the school year. We really miss them and are disappointed that they are not able to complete the school year with their peers, teachers and classroom staff.

We do not want any further children, parents and staff to be affected and need to isolate during the summer holidays. I am still required to facilitate track and trace up to and including Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021, which includes the first weekend of the summer holidays. ***The 'new' symptoms that appear to be evident in children in our recent cases are headaches and sickness (vomiting). If your child presents with these symptoms, please keep them at home and consider taking them for a PCR test.***

### Doncaster Stories Writing Competition

For those of you who follow the school on Twitter (@WarmsworthPrim1), you may have already seen that many of our pupils entered a writing competition earlier this year and have become 'published authors' and have had their short stories published in a book called 'A Changing World.' One of our year 6 pupils, Jack, was awarded second place in the competition organised by Doncaster Stories in conjunction with the National Literacy Trust and received gifts for both himself and our school - Congratulations Jack! Congratulations also to the other finalists, who are also published authors, and were presented with their own certificate, t-shirt and copy of the book: Aaron and Ethan (year 4) and Lily C, Tate, Dylan, and Grace (year 6).



### **Gill Hemsworth Reading Award**

This is an annual award for children who have made most progress in Reading over the year and is named after our previous Chair of Governors. Congratulations to our winners who were awarded their prizes by Mrs Hemsworth herself:

Foundation Stage: Euan (FS2)

Key Stage One: Lily-May (year 2)

Key Stage Two: Emilie (year 6)

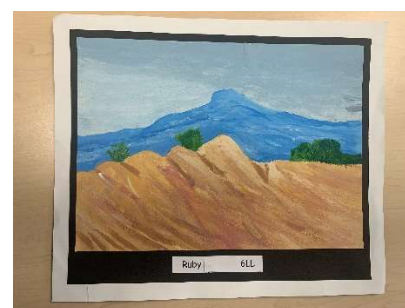
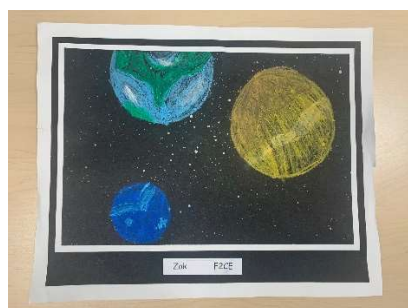
### **Stancee Wedd Art Award**

Our annual award for art work was judged by our art leader - Mrs Hewitt and members of our School Councillors. They had a difficult decision choosing between all the shortlisted pieces based on the idea of 'landscapes' but they chose 3 winners who received art packs as their prizes:

Foundation Stage: Zak (F2)

Key Stage One: Aleena (year 1)

Key Stage Two: Ruby G (year 6)



### **Primary Engineers Design Technology Project**

A total of 118 children from year 3 and 4 children took part in this year's 'National 2021 If you were an engineer, what would you do?' project and each have received a certificate detailing their achievement in the project - most of these received a Pass which is a great result, but we also received a record number of children (14 children) being awarded a Merit:

Year 3 - Gryff, Oscar S, Joseph B, Lilian C, Ava KJ, Grace S, Alice U, Ava M,

Year 4 - Mia G, Evie K, Joshua B, Evelyn B, Noah H, Abraham S,

Holly H from year 4 was also awarded a 'Distinction', with an additional 6 children being awarded 'Distinction Shortlisted'; we are currently awaiting the final judge's decision to hear if these children are to be awarded a prize:

Year 3 - Delon, Oliver G, Ben G,

Year 4 - Evie B, Molly B, Lottie B

## **Year 6 Enterprise**

As part of our year 6 learning on the Mayans and Mexico, they devised their own Design Technology learning about designing, making and evaluating their own recipes for 'Salsa' and sending their suggestions to local cafes and restaurants. To date, the children in year six have received two responses - one from Greggs congratulating the designer, Logan, and providing a voucher for food for year 6 as a thank you, and the other from Willows of Warmsworth congratulating the year 6 children and providing cupcakes as a thank you too. Congratulations to all the pupils and staff in year 6 - I hope you enjoy your well-deserved rewards!

## **Music Provision**

We are very proud of all our musicians learning a musical instrument with a peripatetic teacher in school - a total of 97 children. We are continuing to offer this provision for free to the children in our school and we look forward to engaging even more children in our offer in the new academic year; we are also hoping that we can resume our musical performances for parents in the autumn term.

## **Year 6 Leaver's Celebration**

Our year 6 children have been busy preparing for their end of school celebration and although we are not able to have the usual evening celebration in the school hall, the staff and children are working very hard to create their own 'virtual' celebration, which we look forward to sharing with you all on our school website at the end of this week. Many of our year 6 children have been part of Warmsworth Primary School since Foundation One/Two, and it is with a great sense of sadness, mixed with pride, that we say goodbye to them.

## **Pupil Questionnaires**

405 children completed their pupil questionnaire this term and I have attached the results to this newsletter. We value their feedback and their suggestions will be discussed with school councillors in the new academic year.

## **Parent Questionnaires**

Thank you to you all who have completed and returned the parent questionnaire. We received a total of 356 replies, and I have attached the results of our questionnaires attached to this newsletter. Again some valuable suggestions were raised, which I have included in the feedback attached, with the actions we propose to address these.



## Charitable donations

Several of our parents chose to donate their FSM vouchers to a charitable cause this term. As a result, we were delighted to support people in our community with a subsequent donation of food to ECO (Edlington Community Organisation) and received this message in response:

*'On behalf of everyone here at ECO, I just want to say a massive thank you for your donation towards our community projects. We were amazed by how much food you have given us. It will certainly go a long way to support people in need.'* Thank you everyone!



## Annual reports and new classes for September

You should have now received your child's annual report and notification of your child's teacher next year - we posted out over 150 reports for those children self-isolating last week.

We were determined to ensure our children could attend a transition session with their new teacher for next year, and we have managed to provide this for every class. We moved as many of these as we could outside, and made sure that existing classes were socially distanced from one another, and where this wasn't possible, we arranged for these to be conducted virtually, where children and/or staff were self-isolating. It was great to see all of the children excited to see their new class teacher and hear about them talk about what they were looking forward to.

## School Improvements

As usual over the summer holidays, we will be making further improvements to the school site, including a major development of our FS2 outside area, decorating throughout school and upgrading the year 6 toilet facilities.

We are also hoping to launch our new school website app at the start of next academic year - further information and links will be sent out on our return to school in September. We are aware that some parents have experienced difficulties with the functionality of the existing School Jotter app that links to our website, and as a result, we have sought an alternative provider and have been assured that the service will be greatly improved!

## **Attendance**

Thank you to everyone for supporting the school to achieve our target attendance of 97%. We have been very close this year with a final attendance of 97.2% for FS2 to Year 6 (although this does not include absence due to Covid self-isolation). We look forward to seeing all the children in school in September and seeing what 2021/22 brings!

## **Staffing Update**

This term we have said welcome back to Miss Stokes, following her maternity leave, and said sad farewells to Ms Lawson (midday supervisor) and Mrs Walker (SEN Support assistant).

Miss Edwards will be starting her maternity leave during the summer holidays, and we will be welcoming Miss Walker-Ellis into FS2 as her maternity cover.

We are delighted to announce that in September, Mrs Lister will continue in her role as year 6 teacher and take up her newly appointed post as Assistant Headteacher; Mrs Lister will be joining the Senior Leadership Team and will have overall responsibility for children in KS2 and leadership of the curriculum.

We are also delighted to announce that Mrs White, one of our current school assistants, will be embarking on the first step to becoming a teacher and will be joining the teaching team as a student teacher in September in year 2.

## **Doncaster Council Local Assistance Scheme**

We have been asked to let all our families know about the Doncaster Council Local Assistance Scheme in case anyone needs any additional financial help during the summer holidays. The aim of the Local Assistance Scheme is designed to help the most vulnerable residents in meeting an immediate short-term need or maintaining their independence in the community and can be accessed to help with daily living expenses and/or furniture and white goods. To see if you qualify, please access the link below:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/council-tax-benefits/local-assistance-scheme>

## **Back to School in September**

You may have seen the most recent announcement from the government that the plan is to have all children back in school in September, without the need for bubbles, self-isolation for children under 18 etc.

We are putting a plan in place to return to our original school times of starting at 8.50am (9am registers close) and ending at 3.30pm for all children (F1am 8.45am - 11.45am / F1pm 12.30-3.30pm) as the requirement for staggered start and end times has been removed. The main entrance and exit will be via the main school gate (as pre-Covid) and this gate will be opened at 8.40am in the morning and 3.20pm in the afternoon.

We are also planning for school lunches to revert to 'normal' and being taken in the school halls, something that we haven't been able to facilitate for the last 18 months, as the requirement for children to remain in 'bubbles' has been lifted.

We are especially looking forward to engaging the children in our full programme of school visits, visitors, competitive sporting events, and inviting you all back into our school to join in with your child's learning in class and share their achievements with you - you have been missed!

Should the government advice change, I will be in contact with any updates affecting our school.

### **School Uniform**

Please make sure your child has the correct school uniform for September, as stated in the school prospectus & website ([www.warmsworth.doncaster.sch.uk](http://www.warmsworth.doncaster.sch.uk)).

- Black or grey trousers, short or long (but not sportswear)
- Black or grey skirt/pinafore dress
- Red or pink gingham dress
- Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan
- Plain white polo shirt
- Black shoes or black trainers

We are going to continue to ask children to come into school on their PE days in September. Please see below the expectations for PE kit as detailed below:

- Black gym shorts (black leggings or jogging bottoms if cooler weather for outside use)
- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain black sweatshirt or maroon sweatshirt / cardigan

### **Dinner Money**

Dinner money will remain at £2.45 per day and needs to be paid in advance of the meal being taken, through the Parent Pay system.

Please remember that our children in FS2, year 1 and year 2 currently receive free school meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme, but any children moving into year 3 will need to start paying for any school lunches taken. If you feel that you may be eligible for mean-tested Free School Meals, please check eligibility and apply via the Doncaster Council website:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/free-school-meals>

## **School Office**

The school office will continue to be open on a Monday to Thursday from 8:30am to 4:30pm and on a Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm. If you need to contact the school outside of these times, please leave a message on the answering service. Or send an email to [secretary@warmsworthschool.co.uk](mailto:secretary@warmsworthschool.co.uk)

## **Emergency Contact details**

In September, we will be sending out a new emergency contact form, but please remember to update the emergency contact details we have for you and your child as changes arise.

## **Term dates and training days**

Please see attached a revised copy of our school's holiday dates and training days.

The only revision to this plan is that school will now finish at 3.30pm on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 instead of 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 as originally planned, as we have moved our training day from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022. This is as a result of the Local Authority changing their holiday pattern and ending the summer term a day earlier, in recognition of the national Bank Holiday which has been announced to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. For more information, please see the Doncaster Council website:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/school-holidays-and-term-dates>

## **And finally ...**

We are so proud of all our children this year - they have been wonderful and the resilience and perseverance they have shown has been incredible. We can't wait to see them all return to school in September (and to hear about year 6 in their new schools) with beaming smiles, ready for the year ahead.

Thank you again for all your support this year as parents, grandparents, family and friends - it is greatly appreciated.

We are all looking forward to a more settled 2021/22 academic year!

Take care and enjoy the summer holidays!

Mrs R. Train

Headteacher



## Questionnaire for Pupils of Warmsworth Primary School.

### Summer 2021

		FS2 59 responses	KS1 113 responses	KS2 233 responses	Whole School 405 responses
1	I enjoy school	98.3%	96.5%	96.1%	96.5%
2	I feel safe when I am at school	100%	100%	98.7%	99.3%
3	My school helps me to be healthy	100%	98.2%	100%	99.5%
4	I learn a lot in lessons	100%	100%	99.1%	99.5%
5	Behaviour is good in my school	98.3%	98.2%	90.6%	93.8%
6	Adults in my school care about me	100%	100%	99.1%	99.5%
7	Adults at school are interested in my views	100%	100%	99.1%	99.5%
8	I know how well I am doing at school	100%	99.1%	99.1%	99.3%
9	Adults explain to me how to improve my work	100%	100%	99.1%	99.5%
10	My school helps me to get ready to move into my next class	100%	100%	99.6%	99.8%
11	I can talk about similarities and differences between me and others	100%	100%	98.3%	99.0%
12	I can talk about people who live in other countries and have different cultures	100%	98.2%	99.1%	99.0%
13	The head teacher and senior staff in my school do a good job	100%	100%	99.1%	99.5%

## Questionnaire for Parents and Carers of Warmsworth Primary School

### Summer 2021

		Foundation Stage 76 responses	Key Stage One 88 responses	Key Stage Two 192 responses	Whole School 356 responses
1	My child enjoys school.	98.7%	95.5%	97.4%	97.2%
2	My child is kept safe at this school.	100%	100%	99.5%	99.7%
3	My child knows an adult that they can go to if they have a problem or need someone to talk to.	98.7%	100%	97.9%	98.6%
4	I feel informed about what my child is being taught.	98.7%	98.8%	97.3%	97.8%
5	I feel informed about my child's progress.	96.0%	98.8%	97.3%	97.5%
6	My child is making enough progress in this school.	98.7%	100%	97.9%	98.6%
7	The teaching is good at this school.	100%	100%	99.5%	99.2%
8	The school helps me to support my child's learning.	98.7%	100%	99.5%	99.4%
9	I am aware that school are required to provide some home learning activities and I support my child receiving homework from school.	98.7%	100%	99.5%	99.4%
10	The school provides good opportunities for physical exercise (PE, Playtimes, Take 10, Clubs).	100%	98.8%	98.4%	98.9%
11	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle.	100%	98.8%	99.5%	99.4%
12	The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future ( for example, changing year group, moving classes).	98.7%	100%	98.4%	98.9%
13	The school meets my child's particular needs.	98.7%	97.7%	96.3%	97.2%

14	The school provides a wide range of extra curricular opportunities for my child (visits, visitors, after school clubs, music tuition etc).	92.1%	95.5%	97.9%	96.1%
15	The school develops my child's global understanding.	98.7%	100%	98.4%	98.9%
16	The school encourages my child to be a good citizen.	100%	98.8%	98.9%	99.2%
17	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour.	100%	100%	96.3%	98.0%
18	The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns.	100%	97.7%	97.9%	98.3%
19	The school is led and managed effectively.	100%	98.8%	98.9%	99.2%
20	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school.	100%	98.8%	98.9%	99.2%

You said ...	We have ...
<i>'We want to be able to come back into school for parent sessions again.'</i>	<i>With the updated government guidance, we are hoping to invite parents into school again each half term to learn with your child - please keep an eye on the school calendar!</i>
<i>'I feel the after school club places could be shared better.'</i>	<i>We are looking at a more fair system for the new academic year - more information to follow in September</i>
<i>'Text messaging system is sometimes inconsistent, doesn't deliver to all of us at the same time.'</i>	<i>We are moving to a new school website and app provider following this feedback, and they have assured us a better service!</i>
<i>'Not been on any visits - the planned ones have been cancelled... Covid has had an impact on this.'</i>	<i>We are looking forward to resuming all our school visits etc. in September when all restrictions are lifted - we have missed them too!</i>
<i>'PE should be taught daily'</i>	<i>We have recently introduced a 'mile' track around the school grounds, which the majority of children love walking or running around, and we are looking to increase the regularity of this being used from September 2021.</i>



**September (22 Days)**

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**October (11 Days)**

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**November (22 Days)**

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**December (13 Days)**

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**January (20 days)**

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**February (15 days)**

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**March (23 Days)**

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**April (10 Days)**

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**May (19 Days)**

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**June (19 Days)**







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**July (21 Days)**

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**August**

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-  Bank Holidays
-  Closing Date for Nursery
-  Closing Date for Reception
-  School Holidays
-  Closing Date for Secondary
-  WARMSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL TRAINING DAYS

*Individual Dates May Vary: For Academies and Church Schools - please check with the School.*

*195 days: Includes 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.*

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