



# Weekly Newsletter

## Week ending 23/07/2021

### 'Top Doodlers of the Week!'

A special mention for our highest scoring 'Doodle Maths' superstars in each class:

Reception – Ruby Grant

Year 1 – Josh Woodbridge

Year 2 – Esmae Keenan

Year 3 – Scarlett Law

Year 4 – Lucas Baxter

Year 5 – Ameliya Buckle-Williams

### *A message from the Head:*

Well, another school year comes to a close. As I am sure I said at this point last year, not one we will soon forget! Lots to contend with; another period of 'lockdown', remote education, bubbles, isolating, masks and something of an unavoidable 'arms length' approach between school and our families. Though of course despite all this, **lots** to celebrate too; outstanding behaviour and positive attitudes from our pupils, pleasing academic progress, lots of smiles, school trips, visitors, sports day and even a residential for our Year 6's!

None of this would have been possible without the tremendous hard work and dedication of our staff and I am sure you would join me in offering a huge 'thank you' to all of our office team, support staff and teachers. Without their resilience, hard work and dedication it would have been a very different story this year, so well done team! Of course the support of yourselves as parents and carers has also been invaluable this year and we thank you for all you have done to keep us safe and on track. Thank you to all of those who navigated separate entrances and exits, remembered to wear their masks, kept social distance and understood that at times things wouldn't quite be 'perfect' but would always be as close as we could get to it in the circumstance! Thank you too to our Governing Body. This dedicated band of volunteers have helped 'steer the ship' behind the scenes and have worked tirelessly this year to keep us on course. As I said above, not a year any of us will soon forget!

Looking ahead to the next academic year we are hoping (with fingers crossed) that things may be a little closer to 'normality'. Newly received guidance for September outlines the removal of 'bubbles', a resumption of assemblies and events and the ability to welcome families back into school to share in all of this with us. Of course we have all learnt that a lot can change in the space of two months but fingers crossed this can all go ahead, please keep an eye on your inbox for updates as we approach the start of the new school year.

Also just a final reminder that our uniform does change from September. Please see attached previous correspondence about this. Do feel free to continue to wear any 'old uniform' for as long as it remains fit for purpose but please do move across to the new uniform if buying new items for September. Please keep in mind that while the format of our uniform may appear 'more relaxed' our intention to ensure pupils adhere to the uniform rules will remain firm. So for example trainers should be black, tracksuit bottoms must not have evident branding, polo shirts not t-shirts etc. Adherence to these uniform rules is still seen as a 'pupils responsibility' so they will continue to incur a loss of 'dojo points' etc when they are not met. Please support your child by ensuring that if you are purchasing new items they meet the new guidelines attached.

One final **thank you** to everyone involved in making this year a real success, despite the trying times we have all endured. Have a super summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back into school on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September!

### *Dates for the Diary:*

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – School Closes for Summer

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September** – Staff Training Day

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – School Reopens to pupils