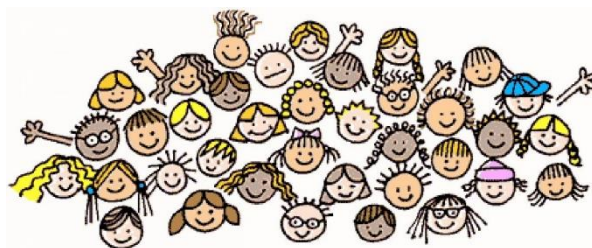




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Class Assemblies

It has been great to get Class Assemblies up and running again. Children are loving the opportunity to share their learning with parents and carers and we are impressed with how well they are managing this after such a long break. In fact, Year 4 children are the only ones in school who have taken part in class assemblies in the past, and they possibly don't even remember it!



Thanks to Year 3 and Class 3 who have done a wonderful job so far. We have had some great singing, presenting, ukulele playing and so much information about what the children have learned this year. Thank you also to Class 3 and Year 3 parents and carers for supporting the assemblies and making our school feel like a real school again. We can't wait to see everyone else in school soon. See the dates list for more information.

Reception Stay and Play

We were delighted to see such an amazing turnout for the Reception Stay and Play. It was lovely for the children to welcome you all into school and share some time completing activities together. Thank you for your lovely feedback about this event. We really enjoyed it too!



Open Afternoon

On Thursday 14th July, parents and carers are invited into school for an open afternoon from 2.30pm onwards. This is an opportunity to come into school and spend some time talking to your children and looking at their work in their books. There is an informal event and there are no presentations or performances so you can arrive any time after 2.30pm and before home time. We are limiting this invitation to one adult per child in order to avoid over-crowding in school. If you have more than one child

in school, you can split the time and visit more than one classroom, or you could have more than one visitor and each adult could visit one child/classroom. We are really looking forward to seeing you and giving you the opportunity to see the new school properly.

Transition Days and Classes for Next Year

On Wednesday 6th July, Thursday 7th July and Friday 8th July, the Y4 children are visiting GEMS for transition days. You should already have information about these from GEMS. For the small number of children not moving to GEMS, other arrangements have already been made which you should be aware of. Please contact us if this is not the case.

Thursday 7th and Friday 8th July are also our transition days in school and the visits for new starters. On the morning of these days, children will be in their new classes with their new teachers and will be finding out all about next year.

Because we now have some year groups of 60 and some of 45, next year's classes will be slightly different in some parts of school. Please see below for our plan:

Reception	Ladybird Class (30 children) and Honeybee Class (30 children)
Year 1	Birch Class (30 children) and Hazel Class (30 children)
Year 2	Bramble Class (up to 30 children) and Fern Class (up to 30 children)
Y3	Deer Class (30 children)
Y3/4	Squirrel Class (30 children)
Y4	Skylark Class (30 children)

The current 60 Reception children will make up the two classes of 30 in Y1. We are intending to move some children around slightly, now that we know the children and their needs. Miss Storey and Miss Bommel will be helping with this to ensure that all children have friends in their new class and that they will be able to play and learn well together.

The current 45 Y1 children will become two smaller classes in Y2. Although we expect that they will grow quite quickly because we will be able to admit new children to that year group. Again, we will make sure that all children have friends in their new classes.

The current 45 Y2 children will transfer to KS2 exactly as they would have done previously so that the youngest 30 children will become Deer Class and the oldest 15 children will become Squirrel Class with the youngest 15 Y4 children.

The current 45 Y3 children will transfer to Y4 exactly as they would have done previously so that the youngest 15 children will become Squirrel Class with the oldest 15 Y3 children and the oldest 30 will become Skylark Class.

Staff news

We have recently welcomed Nicola Franklin to the staff team. Mrs Franklin has joined us as a teaching assistant and is working in KS2 to support learning.

We have also appointed a new teacher, Miss Jane Elvin. Miss Elvin will be teaching in Reception (Ladybird Class) in September and we were delighted that she could join us for the welcome meeting earlier this week.

We will confirm who your child's teacher will be on her/his annual report. Of course, by that time, children will have met their new teachers and will be able to tell you exactly who is who and where everyone is!

Summer Fair

Don't forget that the Summer Fair takes place on Friday 1st July straight after school until 5.00pm. We hope to see you all there.



Covid Restrictions and Mitigations

Despite the lovely feeling of freedom which we are all experiencing, Covid hasn't gone away and is still causing staffing disruptions in school. This week, we have three members of staff absent from school with Covid and some have been quite unwell. We have no current known cases amongst children.

In school, we continue to wash hands frequently, open windows and to follow good respiratory hygiene. We are also still vigilant about symptoms and ask that you continue to keep children at home if they are unwell, especially if they have a high temperature or a cough. Thank you for your ongoing support.

School Carpark

Please continue to drive with care and no faster than 5mph in the school carpark and to park safely in a parking space. We know that there is very limited space to park off site and we hope

that this improves as the building work around us progresses. Thank you for your patience.

Courtyard and Stage

If you are dropping off and picking up children from the courtyard area, please ensure that your children do not climb on the outdoor stage. This will damage the stage and could result in an accident as this piece of equipment is not designed to be climbed on. Thank you.

Job Opportunity

We are looking to appoint new members of the lunchtime team. This is to work for an hour and 15 minutes each day at lunchtime. The role involves supervising and supporting play outside and assisting children with lunches in the hall. Some of our best appointments to this team have been parents and carers, so we are hoping we might be able to tempt you! Please ring the school office if you are interested.

Best wishes

Helen McKenna

Headteacher

Dates for Summer Term 2022



Wednesday 22 nd June	Reception Assembly for September 2022 New Starters 9.15am
Thursday 23 rd June	Reception Assembly for Current Parents and Carers 9.15am
Tuesday 28 th June	Class 2 Assembly for Parents and Carers 9.15am
Thursday 30 th June	Class 4 Assembly for Parents and Carers 9.15am
Friday 1 st July	PTFA SUMMER FAIR 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 6 th July	Y4 to GEMS for Transition
Thursday 7 th July	Y4 to GEMS for Transition
	Transition Day at HFS
	New Starter Visits to Reception
Friday 8 th July	Y4 to Gems for Transition
	Transition Day at HFS
	New Starter Visits to Reception
	Annual Reports to Parents and Carers
Thursday 14 th July	Open Afternoon for Parents and Carers 2.30-3.20pm
Thursday 21 st July	Year 4 Leavers' Assembly for Parents and Carers
Friday 22 nd July	Break up for summer holiday

Monday 25th July – Friday 2nd September Summer Holiday

Monday 5th September	Staff Training Day (School Closed to Pupils)
Tuesday 6 th September	Return to School for all Pupils

Please note the training days are Monday 5th September, Monday 31st October, Friday 23rd December and Friday 26th May. These dates and the full holiday dates are on the school website.