

Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

End of Term

We will continue with the current staggered start and finish times for the school day next week. Our last day of term is Tuesday 20th July (PTA Crazy Hair day). Our staggered finish times following lunchtime will be: **1.15pm for Y4; 1.25pm for Y5; 1.35pm for Y6 and 1.45pm for Y3**, leaving via the Butler Road gate.

September 2021

As we approach the summer break, there is good news that the government is due to announce the lifting of all restrictions from Monday 19th July and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your children back to school at the start of a new academic year in September. Our plans for a return to school are outlined below and we will inform you by the end of our INSET day (Wednesday 1st September) if any of these plans change.

Children return to school on Thursday 2nd September and we then have two days to settle the children back into our routines, which will be perfect before the first full week of school. We have realised that many of our children joined us in times which were not normal, so have not seen a crowded playground at the start of the school day and this may be a little daunting for them, especially following the lengthy social distancing we have all experienced and children can also be a little anxious on a return after the long summer holiday. We would therefore like to ease the children back in with a 'soft' start as follows and we would be very grateful for your support in this:

Years 4, 5, and 6: may arrive from 8.30am to 8.45am and go straight to their classrooms, where fire exits will be open and teachers will be present to greet them. We would ask you to **please allow your child to make their own way from the school gate independently to their classroom**, so that we can quickly get them settled in classes before Year 3s arrive. Class names will be on the outside doors so they won't get lost in the first two days. At the end of the day, please do come on to site and wait in the junior playground, where your children will find you at the end of the day at 3.20pm.

Year 3: may arrive **with a Parent/Carer** from 8.50am to 9.00am to walk the route to the playground and see where to wait together. Our Y3 team will then meet you on the playground. This will hopefully be a less stressful and quieter, more relaxed return for our youngest pupils.

If you are dropping a child at the Infant School in the morning, you may send Junior children directly to their classrooms (or playground for Year 3), from the Infant playground, at the times detailed above for their year group.

From the following Monday 6th September in our first full week, we will be aiming to return to a 'normal' school day from that Monday, with all children and parents arriving on site at the start and end of the day. We have missed you all so much and cannot wait to see you back on the playground. Staff will also return to being on the playground with you at the beginning and end of the day. Once we have settled back into our routines, year group teams will I am sure be seeking help with reading and other activities which has been very much missed.

Wishing you a very healthy and happy summer break.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "HWest". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Mrs. H. West
Headteacher