



17th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Head Teacher's Update June 2021 – End of Year Preparations

I hope you and your families are all well and enjoying the sunshine while it lasts. I just wanted to update you all as we come towards the final part of the school year with some key information. As you already know, following the government's announcement this week, restrictions are still in place until Monday 19th July which will have an impact on large events that we planned to organise for all the children and the parents in June and July. Nevertheless, we are staying very positive and can guarantee that the children will not miss out on any of our planned events. The only unfortunate thing we cannot do due to restrictions is share these events with our parents in person.

Unfortunately, as you all know this has been the case for most of the year so we just need to stay positive and hope that after the 19th July we can all mix together and this will allow all of our events to take place again from the autumn term.

We have been very busy with recruitment over the last few weeks and I can confirm that we have appointed for next year the following teachers: Mrs Huggins, Miss Sauka, Miss Macdonald, Mrs Pavlou and Mrs Pead-Aliberti. In addition to this we welcome Mr Evagoras and Miss Davis who will be our two schools direct teachers. We have completed our recruitment for support staff with several new HLTAs, TAs and SEN TAs starting in September 2021. Mrs Mustafa (a qualified school nurse) will be our new Welfare Officer and Clerical Assistant as we say goodbye to Mrs Chown who has been with Ashmole for over twenty years. We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Elia (Y3 HLTA) who will be going to University to complete her teaching qualification. As you know, we also wish Miss Stavri and Miss Charalambous all the very best as they are both expecting in the autumn term and they will be on maternity leave in the new academic year, from mid-September. We will be appointing a new full time Finance Assistant for our Primary School as Miss Zimmermann Moles returns to the Academy at the end of this term. We wish all the staff leaving the very best and we look forward to welcoming our new recruits in September.

Since our return to school we have had the support of our very own Art therapist- Mrs Heather and over the year we are grateful for having two Child Psychotherapists on site with Mrs Elvin and Mrs Aralnayagam who have been a real asset to our school in supporting our children.

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Although we cannot share all our events and work with you all face to face, the children in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 had a wonderful Stomp Workshop this week and next week all classes will be involved in a fantastic Arts Week organised by Mr Osman.

The children will have a non-uniform day on Friday 25th June to help celebrate our birthdays for the month of June and there will also be a non-uniform day on Thursday 1st July where children will be invited to bring in a sweet/ small toy filled jar with the APPTA organising a special sweetie and toy tombola. Unfortunately, we will not be hosting our Summer Fair this year but we are determined to create some extra fun days for the children to replicate some of the events that they would have been involved in at the fair. We are hoping that the Fair will now be held on Saturday 18th September 2021.

On Friday 2nd July we will be having our INSET Day as planned for preparations for September and school will be closed for the children. The current and new staff joining us will be working in their new teams to prepare everything for the new academic year.

Although we cannot have spectators at the Sports Days we will still be having a PE Week for all the children the week commencing Monday 5th July. The KS1 Sports Day will be on Thursday 8th June in the morning, with the EYFS Sports Day taking place on Thursday 8th June in the afternoon. The KS2 Sports Day events will take place on Friday 9th July in the morning. We are hoping to record or even live stream, if possible, the key events to all our parents and carers. Further information will be made available very soon.

On Monday 12th July the APPTA will be holding a Fun Day for the children with various inflatables booked in for the children on the field throughout the day. DJ Dale will also be present playing some of the latest tunes! The APPTA are requesting a £5 donation per pupil for this day to help with some of the costs. There will be a tombola, games, events and a covid friendly cake sale after school for each year group separately.

In addition to these events that will take place, we will aim to record some of the final events of the year such as the Year 2 end of year assembly, a Recorder assembly led by Y1 and Y2, the Fun days planned and all the children singing together.

The children will receive a detailed end of year report based on our teachers' assessments. There are no official end of year tests or SATS such as the Y1 Phonics Check, KS1 SATs or the Y4 times table check. However, the staff have been working tirelessly to keep the children focussed on the year's curriculum, subjects, key learning objectives and their pupil targets. It is important that covid catch up programmes continue for the remainder of the year and that we continue these throughout the new academic year.

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In the autumn term 2021, the Y2 cohort will be taking a Phonics check and it is planned that all statutory checks in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 will go back to normal next year. For our current Year 4 children, it is still very important that all our children endeavour to learn all their times tables up to 12x12 as they go into Year 5.

Due to the current situation, we will not be able to welcome all our parents and carers into the building on a planned Open Day this July which is a real shame as we wanted you all to see the lovely work the children have done in their books and in their displays. However, we will be inviting all our parents in September, to a new class meeting in the hall to welcome you all back and meet the new class teachers. We really hope that this can happen in September and this will take place right at the start of the first couple of weeks back. Once reports are sent out on paper this year in July, parents are welcome to catch up with the teacher if they have any questions at the class door or via telephone if they have any further questions. Parents of children with any SEND are welcome to speak to Mrs Toal (SENCO) to discuss any handover issues for the new year ahead. The children will definitely get a chance to meet their new teacher the week commencing Monday 5th July. In July, I will be writing to all our parents and carers to inform you all of who the teachers and support staff will be in each class.

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for all your support this year. We all know that these have been difficult times but we will all come through this stronger. Thank you for all your support with the social distancing and the wearing of face coverings over this whole time. Thank you to Tim Sanders (Chair of Governors) and to all the governors for all their amazing support as always. We all look forward to the 19th July when things will surely be even better.

Thank you for all your patience and understanding. Please feel free to catch up with the class teachers before or after school if possible if you have any questions or issues as we steadily get to the end of the school year. I will also be available at the school gates each day and our Leadership Team: Miss Costas- (Deputy Head and Key Stage One Leader); Miss Charalambous (Year 3 and Year 4 Phase Leader); Miss Cleary – (Early Years Leader) and Mrs Toal – (SENCO), will all be on hand to help with any questions.

Our final school day of this academic year will be on Friday 16th July. On this day, the Reception classes will finish at 12.40pm; Year 1 and Year 2 will finish at 12.45pm and Year 3 and Year 4 will end at 12.50pm.

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We will keep you up to date with all upcoming events in June and July via the school office.

Yours faithfully

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