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Friday 10th July 2020

Dates for your Diary:

- Tuesday 14th July:** Friends of Edward Feild Virtual Rock'n'Roll Dance Lesson at 6.30pm
- Wednesday 15th July:** Friends of Edward Feild Second Hand Uniform Sale at 26 White Way, Kidlington
11am Year 6 Leavers Assembly on Google Meet
- Thursday 16th July:** **Last Day of Term. School closes at your class group's normal finish time.**
- Thurs 3rd Sep:** First Day of School for Yr 1 – Yr 6 – please look out for our Parentmails over the summer
- Fri 4th Sep:** New Reception Parents and Children Visit
- Mon 7th- Wed 9th Sep:** New Reception Classes Half Day Sessions
- Thurs 10th Sep:** New Reception Classes Start Full Day Sessions

Message from Mr Jackson

Next week the school will close for the Summer Holidays after a very challenging four months. The staff have worked hard and we have been open for key worker and vulnerable children throughout. It has been great to have the Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 children join later in the term. Based on the current guidance, we will be planning to open in September to all children on a full time basis. When we return, we will be building on the systems and procedures we have been using during the lockdown. It is likely that start and finish times will be staggered to reduce the amount of people on the school site at any one time and children will be in 'bubbles' to reduce the amount of people they come into contact with. We will send you further details before the new term starts.

We are very aware of all parents' concerns about the amount of lost learning during this period and the inevitable gaps which will have developed for some children (although we know many children have been doing some fantastic work on the Online Classroom). We will be starting back in September with a focus on children's mental health and wellbeing, as well as academic learning so that they are all happy and comfortable in school and in a good position to be able to learn. We will, of course, be assessing children in all areas of learning so that we can teach all children from their different starting points, closing gaps and enabling them to make the best progress they can during the next academic year.

Reports

We will be sending out a Parentmail next week with a short form School Report for each child.

Library and Reading Books

We are keen to receive back any library and/or class reading books you may have borrowed prior to the lockdown period. We will leave a box in the bike shelter for you to drop off any books any day next week until school closes on Thursday at 3.15pm. Could everyone please have a look through the house! Thank you for your co-operation.

Summer Reading Challenge at Kidlington Library

Join Oxfordshire Libraries and The Reading Agency for a summer celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter. This year the Summer Reading Challenge is online and children can join today. It's free! Sign up at silysquad.org.uk. Set your own personal summer reading challenge. Discover awesome books. Read free eBooks and eAudio from Oxfordshire Libraries or enjoy your own books from home: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ebooks

Set The Record 2020

The Friends are looking forward to receiving your videos of your record breaking activities – these can be submitted any time between 9am Friday 10th July and Tuesday 14th July at 8pm. Winners will be announced on The FB event page, the regular Friends FB group and via email on Thursday 16th July. There will be winners for each record set for Reception and KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2.

Cost: £3 entry per child. Unlimited number of activities and attempts are allowed. Buy your child's entry ticket on our website: www.pta-events.co.uk/foef or by BACS payment. The Friends of Edward Feild School. Ac: 50348708, Sort Code: 20-98-48. Please put your child's name and year group as reference.

Virtual Rock'n'Roll Dance Lesson

Take the opportunity to have a fun family rock'n'roll session on Zoom on Tuesday 14th July at 6.30pm. Buy your tickets from the Friends at www.pta-events.co.uk/foef

Lost Property

We will put out any remaining Lost Property into the bike shelter on Friday 17th July when school is closed. Please observe social distancing while collecting any items.

KS1 Garden Donations

We are very pleased with our newly landscaped KS1 garden behind Caribou and Penguins classes. Please see the attached photo. We are now looking for donations to set up a mud kitchen and to provide other activities for the children. In particular we are looking for:

Outdoor construction resources: Plastic crates and boxes, wooden pallets, cable drums, cardboard tubes, drainpipes/guttering, off cuts of wood/small logs, tyres.

Mud kitchen resources: Pots and pans, plastic bowls and plates, kitchen utensils, old oven trays and cake tins, old colanders and sink bowls.

Small world resources: Plastic animals, dinosaurs and people, cars and trucks, small building blocks.

Other things: Small plant pots, seeds, old watering cans, rolls of old wallpaper.

If you can donate any of the above, **could you please email a photo of it to k.mallon@efs.oxon.sch.uk** and Miss Mallon will contact you to confirm if we have a shortage of your items and to arrange a drop off. Thank you for your support!

Friends of Edward Feild Second Hand Uniform Sale

The Friends are holding a second hand uniform sale throughout the day on Wednesday 15th July. The 'self service' type sale will be held on the driveway of 26 White Way, Kidlington, and will follow social distancing rules. Payment should be made into an honesty box, with no change available so please bring change with you. The honesty box will be emptied regularly. All donated uniform will be washed and handled as little as possible before the sale. If you have any uniform you wish to donate, there will be boxes to drop items in outside the following houses from Monday 6th July: 26 White Way, 49 Evans Lane and 70 Bicester Road, all in Kidlington.

Please drop your donations off before Monday 13th July. The sale will be weather dependent, please keep an eye on the Friends of Edward Feild Facebook page for updates.

Year 6 Leavers

We are looking forward to our virtual Leavers Assembly on Google Meet for Year 6 children and parents on Wednesday 15th July at 11am. Please remember to email your video of your child's favourite school memory by 4pm today to t.codd@efs.oxon.sch.uk If your video is going to be late, please email Mr Codd so he knows its on its way!

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are looking for a teaching assistant for Reception Class for Thursdays and Fridays. For more details and an application form, please refer to: www.efs.oxon.sch.uk/jobs There has been a technical difficulty with the Oxfordshire County Council jobs page so we have extended the closing date to noon on Monday 13th July 2020.

Important Guidelines - If your child has a new continuous cough, a temperature and/or loss of sense of smell/taste, however mild, it is **ESSENTIAL** that you keep your child at home. If you suspect COVID-19 symptoms, your child must self isolate for 7 days and your household for 14 days. The Public Health England recommendation is to arrange a COVID-19 test by calling 119. They will direct you to a testing facility in Oxford or send you a home testing kit. If the test result is negative, the household self isolation can end and your child can come back to school straight away. If the test result is positive, please call the school or if, out of hours, please email office@efs.oxon.sch.uk to inform us.

If we notice any of these symptoms during the school day, we will call you and ask you to collect your child. We must notify Public Health England and we must close the classroom and toilet facilities for cleaning purposes and move the children to another classroom. If children in different rooms need to be sent home on the same day, there is a chance we will run out of spare classrooms and we may have to temporarily close the school to some children. We are, of course, keen to avoid this scenario so you can see the importance of keeping your child at home with symptoms, however mild.

Safeguarding - Please remember you can contact Mr Jackson on head@efs.oxon.sch.uk if you have any safeguarding concerns. Mrs Doyle is also available if you need pastoral support and can be contacted on s.doyle@efs.oxon.sch.uk

Best wishes

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