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Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th August - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 31st August -

Wednesday 1st September -

Thursday 2nd September -

Friday 3rd September - Einstein Class School Swimming Trip



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Ronnie who has an upcoming Birthday next week. We hope you have a lovely day.

Vaccine confidence in parents (as published on Twitter)

Have your say on vaccinating children. Leicestershire would like to hear from you so use the link below to go to a short survey.

<https://surveys.leics.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=162694062795>

Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee

The official day for Leicestershire maintained schools to use as an additional holiday in respect of the Platinum Jubilee has now been agreed as Friday 8th July 2022. This means that our last day of summer term will be Thursday 7th July 2022.



The start of term

The children have settled back into school really well, especially our new Reception children. Teachers have been taking it easy for the first few days and not working the children too hard but things will be ramped up a little more next week. Homework and spellings will start soon and reading books will be issued (if not already). Topic plans will be on the school website by the end of next week so you will be able to see what your child will be learning this term.

The Government has issued new guidance on the teaching of reading in schools. Although most of it is what we do anyway, there are just a few tweaks we need to carry out, especially with our reading books. Your child might not have a precisely matched reading book for the first couple of weeks until we order a few more to ensure we are fully compliant with the guidance.

School Uniform

PLEASE label your child's clothing. We have already accumulated a few unclaimed jumpers and Mrs Watkin spent a long time (her own time, so unpaid) going around all the classes trying to match jumpers to children. Children often do not know which jumper is theirs if there are no names inside and it is not fair on staff who are wasting time trying to find the owners.



Mid-morning Snack/Lunch Snacks

We are waiting for confirmation of the date when the Free Fruit for Infants Scheme is starting up again so if your child is in Darwin or Curie Class please can you continue to send in a fruit/vegetable based snack for mid-morning break. Mrs Wright will email you when the Scheme is back up and running.

For the whole School please can you ensure that if you are sending in a snack for mid-morning that this is fruit/vegetable based and ensure that no sweets or chocolate bars are sent in.

At lunchtime a small chocolate biscuit such as a kitkat/penguin is acceptable to be in lunchboxes. No sweets or chocolate bars please.



Pre-Loved School Uniform

Thank you for the donations of your Pre-Loved School Uniform which is much appreciated. From now we will just be accepting Buckminster School branded jumpers, cardigans and PE tops please. This is due to lack of storage space and we find that the branded items are claimed more often.



PTFA Ice Creams and Cake Raffle - Friday 3rd September



The weekly PTFA Cake Raffle will start again on Friday 3rd September. If you would like to be added to the rota for supplying/baking a cake please email buckminsterptfa@gmail.com.

If you would like to purchase cake raffle tickets these are 50p each or three for a £1.00. Please send money into School in a named envelope on a Friday clearly marked Cake Raffle. Alternatively you can send money to the Buckminster PTFA Paypal Account using buckminsterptfa@gmail.com by Thursday evening. Please remember to put a reference with your payment of Cake Raffle and your child's first name.

Also the weekly sale of Ice Creams/Lollies at the end of a School day on a Friday is back! Thank you for supporting us today, this will continue now until further notice - weather permitting! These are 50p each. If your child would like to have one please could you send 50p in a named envelope clearly marked Ice Cream. Thank you.

Co-Op Community Fund

The Co-Op have recently donated to School some fabulous litter picking resources which will be used throughout the year. Jenny our Member Pioneer at the Co-Op said "I think our young people are shining lights in terms of caring for our planet 🌍" and is so pleased that the resources will be put to good use.

We have until the 23rd October to raise as much money as we can through the Co-Op Community Fund. Thank you to all those who have already selected us as their Co-Op Community Fund Cause. Please see below the link to our fundraising page:-

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/50460>

If you have not already signed up please consider us as your cause. When you do your shopping at the Co-Op and swipe your membership card you receive money back. This is also matched and paid into our fund by the Co-Op (if you need a card this can be collected in store or you can sign up by visiting <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership>.)

Please also share with family members who use the local Co-Op Stores at Colsterworth, Corby Glen and Bourne. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Dates for your Diary New dates will be added in **red**.

30th August - Summer Bank Holiday - School closed

3rd September - Einstein School Swimming

6th-7th September - Attenborough Class Residential - Rand Farm

17th September - Einstein School Swimming

1st October - Einstein School Swimming

15th October - Einstein School Swimming

18th-22nd October - Half Term

25th October - Seasonal Flu Vaccinations for Year R-6

29th October - School Swimming

1st November - Individual School Photos

9th November - Parents' Evening

11th November - Parents' Evening

12th November - School Swimming

19th November - Children In Need

26th November - School Swimming

10th December - School Swimming
13th-14th December - Christmas Performances
16th December - Christmas parties
17th December - Christmas Carol Service
17th December - School closes for Christmas
3rd January - Holiday in lieu of New Year's Day - School closed
4th January - Children back to School
14th January - School Swimming
28th January - School Swimming
11th February - School Swimming
14th-18th February - Half Term holiday.
22nd February - Parents' Evening and SN Reviews
24th February - Parents' Evening and SN Reviews
4th March - School Swimming
18th March - School Swimming
25th March - Mother's Day Assembly
1st April - School Swimming
7th April - Tempest Photography Whole Class Photographs
8th April - Easter Service
8th April - School closes for Easter
25th April - Children back to School
29th April - School Swimming
2nd May - Bank Holiday - School closed
9th May - KS2 SATS week.
13th May - School Swimming
19th-20th May - Year 6 School Camp and Twinlakes
27th May - School Swimming
30th May-3rd June - Half Term holiday
6th June - Y1 Phonics Screening week
6th-7th June - Curie Class Residential - Rand Farm
13th June - Y4 Times Tables Test week and KS1 SATS week
17th June - School Swimming
17th June - Father's Day Assembly
21st June - KS2 Sports Day
22nd-24th June - Einstein Class Residential - Bushcraft
24th June - KS1 Sports Day
1st July - School Swimming
1st July - Reports sent home
5th July - Year 6 Leaver's Day
7th July - School closes for Summer



QR code for the School Website.