



Newsletter - Summer 1

Friday, 3rd May 2019

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Tillington Manor Primary School for the Summer Term 2019. We hope you all had a really good Easter holiday and are looking forward to all of the exciting things that will be happening in the Summer Term.

Safety in the Sun

As the warmer weather should now be on its way, we thought it would be helpful to pass on some information about school procedures concerning protection from the sun.

Minimising Exposure to the Sun

- We will try to minimise the risks of exposure to the sun by limiting, as far as possible, the time children are directly exposed to the sun.

Shade from Direct Sunlight

- We will encourage children to make use of all available shade when they are outside in our school grounds or on school visits.

Clothing

- Please send children to school with a suitable hat which provides head, face and neck protection from the sun.
- Children are allowed to wear sunglasses, unless sunglasses are inappropriate for certain activities for health and safety reasons.
- In line with our guidance on uniform, children are allowed to wear more loosely fitting clothing to provide greater comfort and protection.

Sunscreens

- The use of appropriate sunscreens, provided by parents, to protect exposed skin is permitted within school; please show children how to apply sunscreen appropriately for themselves as it will not be practical for staff to do this.
- If we consider it necessary, children who are not appropriately protected from the sun will be asked to play/sit in shady areas.

Drinks

- Children will be encouraged to drink plenty of fluids to avoid the risks of dehydration.

Hay Fever

- As we will be using our field much more in the coming weeks, please let us know if your daughter/son suffers from hay fever so that suitable arrangements for lunchtimes can be made.



Head Lice - some advice from the NHS

We are occasionally asked for advice about the treatment of head lice and thought it would be useful to share the information below with everyone. Please read on to find out more - this information is available on the NHS choices website as well as the gov.uk site.

Whilst we understand getting head lice can be frustrating for children and parents, it regularly occurs in all schools across England and is particularly frequent amongst pre-school/primary-aged children and their families. Head lice is spread most commonly through head to head contact.

What to do - advice from the NHS:

- *Head lice should be treated as soon as they are spotted - you should check everyone in the house when head lice are detected. You can use medicated lotions and sprays for treatment, which you can buy from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. You don't need to specifically see a doctor.*
- *Head lice should die within a day, once treated. Lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.*
- *Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they're ok for you or your child and how to use them.*
- *If lotions or sprays don't work, speak to your pharmacist about other treatments.*
- *You can also buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. There will be instructions on the pack to follow, but typically:*
 - *you can use the comb on wet or dry hair – although it usually works best on wet hair with conditioner*
 - *comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends*
 - *repeat every few days for 2 weeks*

NHS choices further states:

- *There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can reduce the risk of lice spreading by avoiding head-to-head contact (and by checking regularly for head lice and treating **immediately** if they are detected)*
- *Don't use medicated lotions and sprays to try to prevent head lice - this can irritate the scalp.*
- *There's no need for children to stay off school, or to wash laundry on a hot wash, if there has been an incident of head lice.*



Information for Parents about Social Networking Sites

As we all know, social networking sites such as 'Facebook' are widely used and enjoyed by the majority of parents and older children. However, sometimes these sites are used to publicly discuss matters which may include personal disagreements between pupils at the school or for parents to vent frustration about school matters.

You may not be aware that comments made on Social Networking Sites about an individual can be considered to be 'defamatory' and can lead to the onset of legal action being taken against those who made them. We feel it is important to remind users of Social Networking Sites to bear this in mind before posting comments.

Social networking sites are not as 'private' as we might like to think and careless or inconsiderate use of these sites can cause unnecessary distress to the individuals concerned, or have an adverse impact on the School in general, or both and this is something the School seeks to avoid.

The School works hard to create a safe and happy environment for its staff and pupils and should any parent have concerns about either their child, or the School in general, I would urge them to contact the School.

Thank you all for your co-operation in this matter.

Important Summer Term Dates for Parents

WB	29 th April	Y2 SATs week
Monday	6 th May	Bank holiday - school closed
WB	7 th May	Y2 SATs week
WB	13 th May	Y6 SATs week
Wednesday	22 nd May	Governing Board meeting
Monday	27 th May	
to		Half term holiday
Friday	31 st May	
WB	10 th June	Compulsory phonics screening check for all Y1 children
Friday	21 st June	Training day for staff - school closed for pupils
Friday	6 th July	3.45pm to 5.30pm - PTA Summer Fete
Monday	8 th July	Y6 transition day at Sir Graham Balfour School
Tuesday	9 th July	Y6 transition day at Sir Graham Balfour School
		On both days the Y6 children, who will be starting at Sir Graham Balfour School from September 2019 will need to go directly to Sir Graham Balfour School for the start of the school day rather than coming to Tillington Manor.
Wednesday	10 th July	Sports Day and Family Picnic
		As in previous years there will be a family picnic from 12.00 to 12.45pm on the school field. Family members are warmly invited to attend. Please look out for further information about exact timings of events for Sports day.
Thursday	11 th July	Y5 visit Sir Graham Balfour School for a taster day.
Friday	12 th July	Reports are sent out to parents
Friday	19 th July	Children break up for the summer holidays.