

# Misson Primary School

*You already have your wings, we will help you fly*



Dear Parents and Carers

After a very challenging year for everyone, I am sure we are all looking forward to a well earned break. Thank you for all your fantastic support and patience this year through all the ups, downs, trials and tribulations that have been COVID. I hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September. We would also like to send special wishes to all the children in Year 3&4, and those children in other year groups who have been asked to isolate. We hope you have a lovely summer, and are disappointed that we couldn't all be together at the end of the year.

## **Last day arrangements**

As has become tradition on the last day of the summer term, the kitchen will be serving up a seaside treat of fish and chips. In view of the continuing hot weather, and in keeping with the seaside theme, children can wear non uniform on Friday, but please remember sun hats and sunscreen. To minimise the chances of last minute COVID infections, we have decided not to allow children to bring in toys and games this year.

## **Reminders**

**Uniform** – Items of uniform with the new school logo can be worn from September, but we fully understand a number of parents will still have uniform displaying our current badge and this is not something I am asking you to replace, so the original logo can be worn for the whole 2021-22 academic year. With this in mind, we now have all the remaining stock in school which we will be selling at half price. The sizes are limited but there is the chance to grab yourselves a bargain. If you would like to enquire about purchasing any items of uniform with the old logo on please e-mail Mrs Mitchell at [office@misson.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@misson.notts.sch.uk) and she can check the availability for you. Further detail of our uniform are available on the website.

**Contact details** – Please make sure you keep your contact details up to date, these include mobile phone numbers and email address. We have had some parents missing important information because we did not have their correct details. If any contact information has changed please let the office know as soon as possible.

**Breakfast and After School Clubs** – To enable our successful clubs to continue to run smoothly, please could all parents and carers make sure they give 24 hours' notice to cancel a pre booked place, to avoid being charged. Can you also make sure places are paid for in advance.

**Children having packed lunches** – Please can you ensure that your child does not bring nuts, or food containing nuts into school, as we have several children with severe allergies to them. Could you also make sure your child has a drink and any cutlery they need to eat their packed lunch.

## Looking Forward

The following things are happening next term:

- We will continue to invite parents to the last Friday assembly of each month to see children receiving special mentions and awards.
- INSET days Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – school closed
- School starts – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 8.50am
- Parents' welcome morning – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 - 10.00am
- Half term - school finishes – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October
- School reopens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Autumn term finishes on – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

There will be 3 further INSET days on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July (subject to final confirmation by NCC) will be taken in lieu of the extra bank holiday for the Queen's Jubilee. I will publish a list of events for the year ahead in early September.

## COVID Rule Changes from September

The recent government announcements on COVID regulations mean that we will be making changes to how the school operates when we return in September. The DfE states, *'This marks a new phase in the response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk. As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education.'*

### **Start and finish times**

We will revert back to our normal school day. School **starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3:15pm** for all children in Year 1 to Year 6.

**Reception children** will attend **8.50am to 1pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**, then from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, they will attend 8.50am to 3.15pm

### **Accessing School**

Parents and children will be able to enter and exit via the KS2 gate or the field gate, in the way they did before COVID. Reception and Year 1 children will enter school through the white door to their cloakroom. Year 2 children will continue using the door directly into their classroom. Year 3&4 will use the cloakroom door that they have been using, and Year 5&6 will continue using the door directly into their classrooms. Reception and Year 1&2 teachers will continue to come out on the playground, and welcome their children into school. Teachers in Year 4&5 and Year 5&6 will continue to stand by the doors and welcome children in from there.

Over the last few months, we have been really pleased with the way children have come into school after saying good bye to their parents and carers on the field or playground. We would like to continue this for all classes next year. To support your child's independence, and to make morning drop offs quick and tear free, we would like parents and carers to say goodbye in the playgrounds, and not to come into school with them. Teachers will be around if you need a quick word, once your

child has gone into school, or alternatively it would be good if you could send a quick Dojo or Tapestry message instead.

### **Bubbles, Breaks and Lunches.**

It is no longer necessary to keep children in consistent bubbles. This enables flexibility with the curriculum, assemblies can take place as a whole school and socialisation with larger groups to take place at break times. As a result of this, break times will take place with children mixing in their key stages. Lunches will remain unchanged with a sitting for each key stage but children will sit around the tables in a more sociable way than the rows they were in when we first returned to school.

### **COVID Control Measures**

Some COVID control measures will remain in place and be regular practice including: ensuring good hygiene with handwashing; keeping occupied spaces well ventilated and continuing to follow public health on testing and managing confirmed cases.

### **Contact Tracing and Isolation**

Schools will no longer be responsible for contact tracing as close contacts will be contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace. Children under 18 will no longer be required to self isolate as a close contact of a positive case of Covid19 from 16<sup>th</sup> August. Instead, they will be advised to take a PCR test to allow them to attend school. Children with identified symptoms of COVID should continue to not attend school and get a COVID test before returning.