



**THOMAS A' BECKET INFANT SCHOOL
SUMMER TERM NEWSFLASH – ISSUE 5
23rd JULY 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of a very busy term, we have been reflecting on the year that has gone by. I couldn't be more proud of the staff, children and our whole community who have all pulled together through an incredibly difficult time and come out the other side in such a strong position. We would like to thank each and every one of you for your cards, gifts, emails and kind words over the last few weeks. It really means a lot to everyone here to know all the hard work has been appreciated.

There have been some real highlights this year. One of my favourites will definitely be seeing our children come racing in to school so happily a few weeks ago dressed as 'pollinators' or in their Forest School clothes. I have also loved walking around school during our Zoom Singing Assemblies, seeing and hearing so many happy children singing away. These events are how memories are made and it has been great that we have been able to find ways to continue them, in spite of what has been going on in the world around us.

We wish you all a very happy, relaxing and much needed break. May the sun shine so we can all get out and about to enjoy the fantastic places we have in our local area and further afield. We hope you have time to re-connect with family and friends, getting back to a more normal way of life.

For those of you who are moving on to new schools, we wish you well and thank you all for being such fabulous members of our school community. We hope that you continue to enjoy your learning journey and all that life in school has to offer. Although we are hoping that the restrictions that have been lifted, stay that way, we will, as always, be in touch ahead of the return to school, should anything change during the holidays.

Updates to Routines September

As a school, we have reflected on the positive outcomes that we have found during the pandemic and the adapted routines that we have had to implement. We have also liaised with the Junior school to ensuring we maintain as consistent an approach as possible. You should have received a letter detailing the routines that will be in place in September. This includes maintaining the staggered starts and one way system as this has significantly reduced congestion at the start of the day and has made for a much calmer start for our children. We shall also be continuing to ask children to wear their school PE kits on their PE days. (Please note that the School Prospectus has not yet been updated for 2021 / 2022 but will reflect the changes within the letter. If you wish your child to wear the navy blue hoody as stated currently in the prospectus, this is fine.)

Clothes and book donations

Thank you to everyone that has donated books and used uniform. At the moment, we are unable to take any more items, except for School Sweatshirts that are in **good condition** please.

FABulous FABs

In spite of being short of person power on 'Draw Day', the FABulous FABs team still managed to get the Rainbow Raffle completed so well done and thank you to them. The winners of each year group are as follows

Reception Ladybird Class

Year 1 Rabbit Class

Year 2 Manta Ray Class

We hope those of you who won, enjoyed the contents of each hamper. An enormous thank you to all of you also, who donated so generously. We really do appreciate it.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Claire Jones, Rachel Watkins and Hayley Hardes for their work as Chairs and also to the rest of the team who have worked so hard, especially those who now be leaving the committee as their children leave our school. We really do appreciate everything you do for the school.

Playground/Field

Leading on from FABS, we would like to thank them and all of you for the fundraising, which is going towards our new playground and field equipment. We are very excited about all the new equipment that will be available for the children to use in September. Thank you also to Miss Wade for coordinating the project with our supplier Pentagon.

#44daydresschallenge

The staff have done a remarkable job of raising **£3130** for The British Red Cross to support countries in crisis with Covid. They have been in their dresses since the beginning of May, and on Friday 23rd, last day of term, they will achieve their challenge to wear one dress for 44 days!

Well done to all of them! Thank you to all the parents who put money into the buckets, paid through our just giving page, or left envelopes in the office. You are the most supportive parent/carer group.

If you would like to contribute, the details are

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dress_challenge

Staffing

We can't quite believe that after 19 years at TAB working in roles such as Play Leader, 1:1 Teaching Assistant and Forest School Leader, Jon Cleaver will be leaving us today. He will be starting a new adventure leading Forest School with nursery children. He has left some very big boots to fill and we are really sorry to see him go, but wish him well as he moves on. He will still be popping in to Breakfast Club so we will be able to stay in touch and see how he is getting on. We know he will be amazing in his new role!

We are also very sad to say good-bye to Ms Bethany Beatty who will be leaving us at the end of the year. She is moving on to a school in Horsham and we would like to say goodbye and thank you to her for her hard work with Badger class this year and for being a fabulous part of our team.

We will be welcoming Miss Katie Burling and Mrs Victoria Cherry to our team in September. They have been with us this year and will be working in Year 1 in Badger class and in Year 2 in Turtle class. They have both met their new children and are looking forward to September.

We will also have two new student teachers Miss Jo Stanley and Miss Lia Edwards who will be working in Manta Ray and Octopus class. We hope they enjoy their time with us and welcome them to our team.

September also sees Mrs Xanthe Wrigley begin her new role as Assistant Head teacher for Teaching and Learning/Curriculum and we are also pleased to share with you some other staffing updates. Miss Claire Hind, Miss Sandy Leach and Mrs Tammy Cunningham will be our new Curriculum Coordinators and Mrs Lisa Griffiths will be our Assessment and Moderation Coordinator. They are all very excited for September and we know they will do a great job in their new roles.

Reading books

Please can all reading books be returned to your child's class before the holidays. Your child can continue reading using their 'Bug Club' account online. If you need a reminder of your child's log in details, please speak to your child's teacher.

Library Summer Reading Challenge

The summer reading challenge has started in local libraries. We shared this with your children last week during assembly. It is called Wild World heroes and there are activities set up in the library as well as receiving a medal for completing the challenge at the end. If your child would like to take part you can register online and they can enjoy reading this summer.



<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/web/arena/src>

Parent/carer forum



For parents who have children with additional needs, the parent carer forum, which is run by parents, will continue with their facebook page throughout the summer. They have details of holiday clubs and events running in the holidays and Autumn. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/WestSussexParentCarerForum>

Thank You

Thank you



to for the donation of 60 rocket Lollies!!



And a huge thank you to "Goring Road Carpets" for sponsoring our Leavers Celebrations. The children have had the most wonderful time and we are extremely grateful that you have sponsored the event and enabled them to all have a fab Leavers T shirt and ice lolly along with lots of fun and games.



Another huge thank you!

Thank you so much to "Up and Away Balloons (Worthing)", for supplying and erecting the wonderful balloon arch for our Leavers Celebration. It looks amazing!!!!



TERM DATES 2021

Last day of Summer Term 2021:

Friday 23rd July

First day of term

Thursday 2nd September 2021

INSET dates for 2021 2022

We can now tell you that the INSET dates for 2021 2022 have been set and agreed with the Junior school. Term will start on Thursday, 2nd September. The rest of the dates are as follow

Monday 1 November 2021

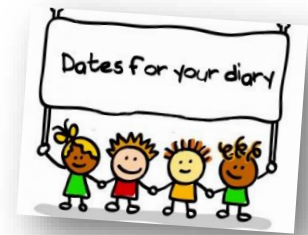
Friday 17 December 2021

Tuesday 4 January 2022

Monday 28 February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

(Additional TBC for Queen's Jubilee)



COVID Update

We hope that you all stay well during the holiday period. Please follow the updates in the news and be aware of when you might need to isolate. We shall send out updated advice ahead of the return to school, dependent on what the situation is at the time and the guidance we receive. Although the current guidance states that after 16th August, we may not have to close bubbles, should a child test positive, the local situation may change and thus the restrictions may alter accordingly.

Governors

We wanted to thank all our Governors for their support over the year and all their hard work. We would also like to give a special mention to Rachel Harkin and Jon Mayes who are stepping down from their role as governors after many years supporting the school. We thank them for all the time and effort they had dedicated to the role.



Congratulations to the following children who have completed **100 'reads'** at home:

Sophia – Hedgehogs
Noah – Manta Rays
Ethan – Manta Rays
Ilyaas – Manta Rays
Dommy – Manta Rays
Cadence – Manta Rays
Jacob – Manta Rays
Marley – Dolphins
Reuben – Dolphins
Thomas – Dolphins
Elion – Dolphins
Teddy – Octopus
Dexter – Octopus
Poppy – Octopus
William – Octopus
Jesse – Octopus
Jamie – Octopus
Izzy – Octopus
Indiana - Octopus
Jude – Turtle
Ivy – Turtle
Quinn – Turtle
Samuel – Owl
Ivy – Owl
Noah – Owl
Ashley – Owl
Henry – Owl
Sofia - Owl
Aneire – Hedgehog
Sebastian – Hedgehog
Isabella – Hedgehog
Eric - Hedgehog
Nancy – Manta Rays
Daisy – Manta Rays
Evie-Rose – Manta Rays
Seth – Badgers
Millie – Badgers
Ronnie – Badgers
Seraphim – Badgers

Congratulations to the following children who have completed **200 'reads'** at home:

Harvey – Manta Rays
Samuel – Octopus
Iylaas – Octopus
Isabelle – Octopus
Thea – Octopus
Keaton – Octopus
Neave – Seahorses
Iris – Owls
Evie – Owls
Kevin – Owl
Leah - Owl

Congratulations to the following children who have completed **300 'reads'** at home:

Olivia – Octopus

Congratulations to the following children who have completed **400 'reads'** at home:

Ellis - Badger

Early Help Summer Offer



The summer holidays are approaching and for many of our children and families this year remains very different from past summers, with families still experiencing much uncertainty. Many children may have had to isolate and been in and out of education settings, potentially making returning and transitions to new schools extremely challenging for them and their parents. With that in mind we are providing an enhanced offer for the 6 weeks of the summer holidays. Below outlines our core offer and the additional support on offer.

The Early Help Core offer will continue over the summer; in addition to this Early Help are offering a number of face-to-face appointments for Young People and families, who feel they would benefit from this.

Enhanced Summer Offer

Description

Early Help Summer Offer, for all children, young people and families: Building on our core offer, we are proposing to offer up to 4 weekly appointments in each district area.

This offer would aim to provide a quick and reactive response for advice and support for young people and families in crisis who are assessed as requiring face to face support. These appointments can be accessed via the Integrated Front Door (IFD) and an email will be sent to each hub's duty email inbox. The hub will make contact with the family and book the appointments directly, at a time that is suitable.

Face to face in centres or community - 24 weekly appointments countywide

How to Access

This enhanced offer has been promoted via facebook, on WSCC website and we would like schools to promote to all pupils or families, particularly any who may benefit from accessing this support during the 6 week break.

"Are you finding the summer holidays difficult? Do you need someone to talk to? If so please call the Integrated Front Door on 01403 229900 or email us at WSChildrenservices@westsussex.gov.uk and tell us you would like a face to face summer offer appointment".

The Summer Offer will run from Monday 26th July to Friday 3rd September.

New website for parents to boost child's learning and wellbeing this summer

We've launched a brand new site, designed especially for parents, with the support, information and resources they need to help their children enjoy the summer holidays and prepare for the next academic year.

The site features links to programmes, activities, resources and videos to boost children's learning and wellbeing aimed at parents of 0-19 year olds, with extra information for parents of SEND children. Please share this site with families and carers in your school community.

Visit educationcatchup.campaign.gov.uk

Families can also explore themed activities in their local area and nationally with the [Rediscover Summer](#) campaign, from sport and creativity to nature and heritage.

West Sussex County Council Bikeability

The West Sussex County Council Bikeability team will be running Bikeability activity sessions this summer in partnership with our catering provider, Monster Foods.

Children will be given the opportunity to take part in a **Bikeability Level 1 and 2 Training Course** at **St Wilfrid's school in Crawley** as part of the **Holidays Activity and Food programme (HAF)**.

Important note: All course inductees must be over the age of 10 years old and have a reasonable level of bicycle control skills prior to attending including making the cycle go where they want, cycling with one hand and looking behind. Training will take place on single lane public roads with a moderate flow of traffic.

Courses will be run over four days between the following dates:

August 2nd – August 5th

August 9th – August 12th

August 16th – August 19th

There will be 2 session options per day and each daily training session will last for 2 hours. Available options:

10.00 – 12.00

13.00 – 15.00



Each day between 12:00 and 13:00 children will receive a packed lunch provided by Monster Food Crawley.

For further information and to book a place on one of the courses, please contact Ed Clark, Cycle Training Development Officer on 03302228651 edward.clark@westsussex.gov.uk



SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN DAYS!

Football Fun Days return for the ENTIRE
summer!

WHEN

9:30am-3pm every Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday of the summer holidays!!

AGE GROUPS

School years 1-6

WHERE

Durrington Infant and Junior School, BN13 2JD

PRICE


1 day- £20 per child

2 days- £35 per child

3 days- £50 per child

Early drop off (8:45am) available for an extra £3

**PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL
OR HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE TO
BOOK ON!**

 info@nextstepcoachinggroup.co.uk

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BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION SOCCER SCHOOLS



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Holiday football courses for anyone aged 5-13.
All abilities welcome.

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Eastbourne // Chichester // Horsham // Hassocks
Uckfield // Shoreham // Steyning (girls-only)



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All sessions
will adhere to
government and
FA protocols to
prevent spread
of Covid-19.



**HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES?
IF SO WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

Mini Movies is a brand new CITV show and we need
movie-loving kids (aged 12 & under) to take part.

Your videos could get the Hollywood treatment with
incredible visual effects added to them!

You can show off your skills at putting together a
costume worthy of a blockbuster movie!

Get the chance to pitch your own movie idea!

Your animations could be shown on TV!

If you'd like the chance to star in the show, then get
your parent or guardian to email us today at...

casting@thechancercollective.com



WE'RE BACK!!



1st Goring Girls' Brigade is returning 6th September and we CAN'T WAIT to see you!

We operate as a weekly uniformed community (during term time) that is open to all girls and young women.

Offering fun, friendship and informative learning across a wide range of events including physical, educational and practical activities along with supporting our local community. There are also opportunities for older girls to help guide the younger groups as they progress.

We focus on a new subject each term with the girls earning a badge as evidence of their learning.

We will be running Monday Evenings with groups arranged as follows:

Explorers - aged 4 (Reception) to 8	16:45 – 18:00
Juniors - aged 8 to 11	18:15 – 19:30
Seniors/Brigadiers - aged 10 to 13 / 14+	19:45 – 21:00

Subs are £2.50 a week which includes squash, a snack, all learning materials and the subject badge.

In order for girls to form friendships before we start and get to know the leaders, we're holding a special get together on Thursday 26th August 16:30 – 18:00 where we will participate in some games and share a picnic!

Please indicate if you intend to come to the picnic (including any dietary requirements) so we can get enough food and drink!

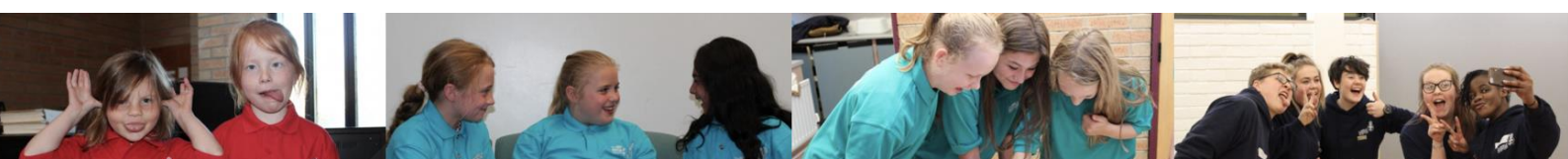
If you're interested in joining, please contact Sammie Squire

 **07985 75201**  **sammiesquiregb21@gmail.com**

 **Goring 1st Girls Brigade**

If you're interested in becoming a parent helper, please contact Sammie, all helpers will be DBS checked prior to starting.

This is a Christian organisation however all faiths and non-faiths are welcome ☺





**ST MARGARET'S
SCHOOL,
ANGMERING**

**VARIETY OF
ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY**



This programme is for families of children with
SEND

FAMILY FUN DAY

**WE HAVE 30 FREE PLACES
PER DAY**

**9:30-11:30AM
EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Book online here:

9:30-11:30am

2:30-4:30pm

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

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**ST MARGARET'S
SCHOOL,
ANGMERING**

**SPORTS, FOOD
ACTIVITIES AND A
HOT LUNCH**



This programme is for families in receipt of
benefits/free school meals

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

**WE HAVE 30 FREE
PLACES PER DAY**

**9:30-1:30PM
MONDAYS, TUESDAYS,
THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS**

Book online here

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