



ANN EDWARDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Berkeley Close, South Cerney, Gloucestershire GL7 5UW

Tel: 01285 860335 Fax: 01285 860892

Headteacher: Mr Ian Moore

Email: admin@annedwardsprimary.co.uk

Website: www.annedwards.gloucs.sch.uk

Learning and achieving in a caring community

"Do to others what you would want them to do to you." - Matthew 7:12

Our special chosen Bible story is the Parable of The Good Samaritan.

RESPECT

PERSEVERANCE

SERVICE

Friday 15th July 2022

Newsletter No 16

- Headteacher's Welcome
- Predicted extreme heat weather warnings
- Consultation on proposed extension of the school day
- Road safety concern from our neighbours
- Staffing update
- Key dates

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, it's the last Friday of this academic year! I've just shown a prospective family around the school and it was lovely to see the children engaged and calm, despite the heat and the tiredness. Sports Day has taken place since my last newsletter and I would like to thank all those of you who were able to come and support your children on the day.

Year 5 and 6 have been phenomenal this week in their fantastic performances of 'The Amazing Adventures of SuperStan', with the cast off to Fairford today for the Royal International Air Tattoo. It was also lovely to see the transition sessions ('shuffle up days') go so well this week, with the children in Reception to Year 5 spending time with the classes they will be in in September. Next, you will receive end-of-year pupil reports early next week. (Please note that these will be paper copies, in envelopes, this year so please keep a look out in book bags and rucksacks). I have enjoyed reading the teachers' comments and seeing how much has been achieved across different curriculum subjects, extra-curricular activities and personal development this year.

Predicted extreme heat weather warnings

The Department for Education has sent the following notice to schools:

The Met Office has extended an amber extreme heat warning for Sunday 17 July, Monday 18 July and Tuesday 19 July, as temperatures will build this weekend and early next week for much of England and Wales.

The amber warning highlights likely adverse health effects for the public, not just limited to those most vulnerable to extreme heat.

Temperatures could be in excess of 35°C in the southeast, and more widely around 32°C within the warning area, with Monday and Tuesday most likely to see temperatures around this level.

There is clear government guidance on looking after children and those in early years settings during heatwaves, including the use of ventilation, keeping children hydrated, and avoiding vigorous physical activity, encouraging children to wear loose, light coloured clothing and sunhats with wide brims, to use sunscreen, and providing them with plenty of water.

Individual school leaders are responsible for managing their own local circumstances. We are not advising schools to close.

Please be assured that we have procedures in place to mitigate the risk to children and staff and make next Monday and Tuesday as comfortable as possible. However, there is no escaping the fact that we are forecast very high temperatures. It has been great to see some children bringing in frozen or extra water bottles in this week, but unfortunately there have also been a small number of children coming in without water; if you need a water bottle, please let the office know as we have some spares in the staffroom. Please do apply sun cream before they come to school and pop a named bottle/spray/roll-on in their bags on Monday and Tuesday, as well as the obvious sun hats and summer clothing.



The leadership team are meeting on Monday morning to review any real-time updates or concerns, and any updates will be communicated with you via Class Dojo / ParentMail or text message (depending on the urgency).

Consultation on proposed extension of the school day

As you may be aware, the recent government White Paper has advised that all schools have a consistent length of school day with a school week of at least 32 hours and 30 minutes. Currently, Ann Edwards Church of England Primary School is open to pupils for 30 hours and 50 minutes each week which means we would need to increase our school day from 8.40am to 3.10pm to ensure that we are compliant with new government guidance.

With this in mind, we would like to open a period of consultation with parents and carers, where we invite views and thoughts on the above. We ask that all responses are sent to our office email address - admin@annedwardsprimary.co.uk by Monday 3rd October. We will then move to the next stage of the consultation process with our governors, when we will consider all responses received before a decision is made and communicated.

We understand that this proposed change may cause some difficulties for families but please be assured that no change will be made without all views being considered and a full consultation process being followed.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Road safety concern from our neighbours

Please remember to drive safely and slowly as you approach and depart the school site, not just at drop-off and pick-up times. We have been contacted by some of our neighbours who are concerned about the speed at which some people drive when they have dropped off or picked up from Chil-Zone, and I believe they will be taking note of registration numbers in future. Thank you.

Staffing Update

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two members of staff who are remaining with us in September but have some significant changes coming up that deserve to be celebrated. Firstly, many of you will know Mrs Nic Horne as a Forest School leader, teaching assistant, Beavers leader, governor and fellow parent, but what you might not know is that she has somehow managed to fit in a whole lot of studying in recent years and I was delighted to appoint her to a teaching position in September. Mrs Horne will be joining Mrs Connolly in teaching our new Reception children in our new Early Years Unit. Welcome to the teaching team Mrs Horne!

And finally...Miss Faye Sheldon will be getting married in the summer holidays and I know you will all join with me in wishing her huge congratulations.

Did you know?

...That children in Key Stage 2 learn German from a native German speaker, Mrs Rothery? You can find out more about our Languages curriculum on our website here <https://annedwards.gloucs.sch.uk/information/curriculum-information/>.

Yours Sincerely



Ian Moore
Headteacher

Key Dates,

Year 6 Leavers Event	Tuesday 19 th July 1.30pm
Last day of term	Thursday 21 st July (1.30pm finish)
Wednesday 7 th September	Autumn term starts for children in Year 1 to 6
Thursday 8 th September	Staggered start begins for our new EYFS (Reception) children
Friday 21 st October	End of Term 1, 3.00pm
Tuesday 1st November	Start of Term 2
Friday 16 th December	End of term 2, 1.30pm
Wednesday 4 th January	Start of Term 3