



Newsletter

July 2020

Dates for your Diary

Last Day of Summer term:

Tuesday 21st July 2020 **finishing at 3.00pm**

Autumn Term:

Pupils return on Monday 7th September or Thursday 10th September 2020 starting at 9.15am. **Please see below for more information**

Staff Training Day:

Friday 23rd October 2020

Half Term:

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Last day of Autumn term:

Friday 18th December 2020 **finishing at 1.45pm**

News from the Head Teacher...

Dear Parents

Firstly I would like to say how proud I am of the school staff team for the way they have responded to these uncertain times during this pandemic. I am so grateful for their support and their ability to adapt the way they work so that we have been able to keep the children and the whole school community safe and well.

I would also like to thank you so much for all you have done to support school with your child's education. We recognise that it is very different at home to what it is in school. We have heard some lovely stories about pupils learning new things and are delighted that you have shared these moments with us.

We also recognise that it has been difficult for our pupils to understand why things have changed so much. We thank and applaud you for managing the challenges that Covid has brought you and your family. Thank you for talking with us, reaching for support when you need it and being the best parents you can be.

We know that some parents are feeling very anxious about their child returning to school in September and we would like to support with this. Please talk to your class teacher through your regular contact or give me a call.

Take care and I look forward to us all being together again in September.

Denise

Starting back in September 2020

School will be open for pupils from 7th September and the following will be put in place:

Pupils who will be in Year 1 – 6 in September will have a split week the week of 7th September they will be in school for 2 or 3 days that week. They will then return to full time education from 14th September. This will allow the staff to settle the children in and allow 1:1 support for the first week back.

We will start introducing the new children into school from 21st September and will arrange some play sessions for parents to bring their child to meet the class team before they start.

Pupils from Mandeville nursery who will be going into reception will be able to start the week of the 14th September so we can settle them back into routine before the new pupils arrive. This will be staggered.

Look out for an email early next week with further details about your child.



Recovery Curriculum:

We have been working together with all the staff and therapists to develop a recovery curriculum for the children returning in September. We will build the pupils' confidence and trust through a nurturing approach and by tuning into their needs. This will be underpinned by a 'relationships'- based approach. We will focus on the pupils' interests and motivation to develop the ability to engage in their learning. Although all areas of learning will be taught, the primary focus for teaching and learning when pupils return will be on Communication, Personal Social and Emotional Development and Physical development as well as on pupils' individualised learning programmes and specific learning targets agreed at the annual reviews. Structure and choice of activities will be offered in a carefully planned way.

If you would like more information please see our 'Mandeville Recovery Curriculum' on the Mandeville school website.

Topic for the Autumn Term: Me and My School

Ealing Contact

contact For families with disabled children

Contact a Family (Ealing) provides support, advice and information for families with disabled children.

They offer:

- 1:1 support and care needs
- Advice and support with education, welfare rights, housing and Social Services, grants and benefit applications
- Carers support sessions and an Autism group for people in the area
- Trips and family events during the school holidays
- Workshops on various topics

www.contact.org.uk/ealing

Ealing grid for learning: www.egfl.org.uk/services-children/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-send-and-inclusion

Here you will find Ealing SEND and inclusion strategy, key documents and resources, training, directory of contacts and services.

More useful information:

Family Fund:

Family Fund is the UK's largest charity providing grants for families raising disabled or seriously ill children and young people. Please visit their website which has lots to offer. You can sign up for their newsletter too.



www.familyfund.org.uk

Ealing toy library:

Toy libraries are great for everyone in the community. Visit their website for more information: www.ealingtoylibrary.com



All this information and more is on our school website
www.mandeville.ealing.sch.uk

Learning during lockdown:



Despite the lockdown, all staff including the therapists have continued to support the children's learning both at home and at school. Zoom has definitely been a new way of keeping in touch and continue learning where some staff and children have been shielding. Gemma our music therapist and Claire our Speech & Language therapist did regular sing and sign sessions through zoom twice a week which the children responded very well to.

Governors:

Since the lock down began in March, we have only been able to offer a limited service to parents and pupils. We know this has caused difficulties for all of you.

Staff at the school have worked so hard to help everybody cope. The governors are proud of the commitment which all the staff have shown during this difficult time. This includes every single person involved in educating and caring for the children and keeping the school running.

We hope you all have a good summer break, and we look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

Best wishes from the Mandeville governors.

Leavers Assembly

We held special assemblies for children who are leaving to go to secondary schools or move on to another primary school.

It was so moving to see how the children have grown into such lovely young people. We were so proud to see them sitting so nicely with their families and seeing the joy on their faces as they received their certificates.



We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing from them and their families over the coming years. They will always hold a special place in our hearts and will always be part of the Mandeville community.

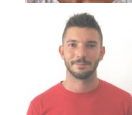
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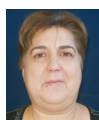
Sue Porter is retiring at the end of this term. She has been working at Mandeville School for 25 years. She has been a tremendous support to the school and to all the children and parents she has worked with. We wish her a lovely retirement.



Catherine Fennell is leaving too. She has a new job as an ARP Manager and SENDco. Catherine has been at Mandeville for 11 years as Assistant Head Teacher. We wish her all the best in her new job.



Marta is getting married and moving away.



Xavier is leaving to do his masters

and Ildiko is leaving us too.

