

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, this week passed in a flash! I am pleased to say we are now in a position to get clubs up and running from next week and pupils will again be moving around school. The value of enrichment outside of the formal curriculum is huge and I am grateful to my team for continually finding the capacity to provide these. Clubs run during the lunch breaks and after school. **Pupils attending PE lunch clubs or after school clubs are welcome to wear full EMS PE kit to school on those days.** We will review changing facilities after half-term. Mr Brenton is taking a fixture for the EMS girls' football, for the first time in 18 months! Good luck to them when they take on Winton and Glenmoor.

Lots of preparation going into our Open Day / Evening on 21st October. It is great to see so many pupils volunteering to support this. Our pupils are our best selling point; how engaged and enthused they are in their learning and working with the staff. Please look out for a consent form to sign if your child is asked to help with this event.

I am pleased to share with you our intentions for trips this academic year. As mentioned above, these types of experiences are key to pupils' personal development alongside their academic progress.

Year 5 - Residential to Heatree Activity Centre in April

Year 6 - Residential to Heatree Activity Centre in July

Year 7 - Residential to Cornwall in the summer term

Year 8 - Activities week in July.

Due to time constraints we are anticipating the cost of the residential to be around £300. More information will be shared early next week for Year 5 families.

As mentioned above, we are down to single figure cases in school and therefore will lift the restrictions we had in place. The biggest being staff teaching out of their own classrooms. The impact of learning walls as a teaching aid and other resources specific to rooms can not be under-estimated. All members of our school community can wear a face covering if they wish. Cleaning, hand sanitising and ventilation remain key aspects of school life. Thank you for continuing to test twice weekly.

We launched EPraise this term and it is having a great motivating impact on the pupils and I am enjoying some of the competition between form groups. Catching pupils being good sets such a positive culture in a world where it is easy to find fault. After half-term you will be able to see how your child/children are doing on a daily basis through the app. Watson House lead the way currently although Vujicic have started the month strongly.

Finally, well done to pupils who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge and Chloe Jones for her excellent short story.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021
WILD WORLD HEROES

Olivia Bartlett	Evie Last
Sophie Bartlett	Archie Lee
Dylan Bowen	Dylan Miles
Carys Bull	Annabelle Parker
Taryn Bull	Hermione Parker
Imogen Coppola	Emily Rose
Olivia Evetts	Amelia Stapley
Sophie Gillison	Erin Taylor
Evie Hill	Lottie Thompson-Brown
Sophie Hoole	Ciaran Wesley
Imogen Howlett	Maisie Wyatt



Chloe Jones
For her short story
inspired by 'The
House of Hades -
Rick Riordan

Have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine tomorrow,

Mr Christopher.