



Our Federated Summer Term Newsletter 6

April 20th, 2020



Headteacher's Message:

May I take this opportunity to 'welcome you all back' to the summer term, after an unusual but sunny Easter break. We hope this finds you and your loved ones well and managing in these unfamiliar times. Thank you again for following government messages of Stay Safe – Stay Home, I think we can be proud of how we are all trying to support those front line workers, by reducing the spread of the virus.

As you can imagine, staff have been busy behind the scenes developing new ways of working and communicating whilst supporting those most in need, as we navigate through these uncharted waters! Yesterday, the government confirmed schools remain closed as lockdown continues further. The Local Authority and Hamwic Trust are very supportive and in regular communication in order for us to continue to meet the expectations required to support the most vulnerable and critical workers at this time. So, what about our new term?

Due to the limitations of the Junior school website, we had to quickly create a new web portal that enabled teachers to illustrate and upload the Easter activity packs. We sent a letter to Junior parents, at the end of term, sharing the new route to follow, contact email addresses and expectations. The Infant school website is more conducive and therefore less drastic action had to be made. However, all children – both schools – will be following a similar model of approach to learning this new term, as detailed in my last newsletter. We have endeavoured to make it clearer for you to follow and build a routine, during this time when routines are really important for your child's development through learning, bedtimes, exercise and well-being activities. Twin Sails details can be seen below.

We will be in regular contact during this next phase, as things may change quickly. The government is constantly updating information. Here is a link for parents who have received a school place for September: [admission appeals for school places](#). If you have any enquiries, the office will be open 8.30am to 3pm Monday to Friday. Finally, please remember to ensure your children continue to be safe whilst on-line – here is a link for further support [On line safety information for parents and carers](#). This leaves me to wish you all a safe and positive start to the summer term, thank you for your support and understanding during this time, we are thinking of and missing the children but hopefully we will know more at the end of the month as to when we can get back to normal! Best wishes.

Staffing News:

- Despite the fast paced end to the term, we were very fortunate to anticipate the early closure and therefore bring forward the recruitment day for our Junior Deputy Head. We are thrilled to announce the successful candidate was Mr William Winton – an experienced Assistant Head from another BCP school. He brings with him his knowledge of teaching Key Stage 2, leading year 6 and being part of his senior leadership team. We are very much look forward to welcoming him in September.
- We would also like to say a thank you to Clearway Pools, who not only will be maintaining our pool during the summer, but also lead our swimming lessons for the summer term.

Our Super Stars:

A personal thank you to Mrs Jones, Mrs Meldrum and Mrs Thompson who were able to provide support for those most needing it over the Easter holidays – thank you!

Twin Sails children:

We have created a class email address for each class. Please use the relevant email address to send photographs of any completed work you wish to share with your child's class teacher. We love to see the children's work and would like to celebrate any contributions with a weekly slideshow, which can be found at the end of the week on the school website. If you would not like your child's photograph to be on our school website, please make this known in your email. The email addresses can be found on each year group's page on the website. They are (class name) followed by @twinsailsinfant.co.uk - for example:

Jellyfish - jellyfish@twinsailsinfant.co.uk

Kittiwakes - kittiwakes@twinsailsinfant.co.uk

However, Nursery is nursery@twinsailsinfant.co.uk

Please note that this email address is for forwarding work only and the teacher will be unable to reply to you. Thank you for supporting your child!

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