



## Weekly Briefing - week of 1st September 2021

**Welcome to the new school year - please see Mr Gibson's letter about the updated daily operation of the school.  
Class letters with details about PE days etc will be emailed to parents.**

Day and date	Event and timing		Timing for parents
Wednesday 1st September	INSET day for staff training - school closed to pupils		
Thursday 2nd September	AM	Children are to arrive between <b>08:45 and 08:55</b> when the school day starts and gates will be closed. FC and Year 1 to be taken to the gates outside their classrooms Years 2 to 6 to be dropped at either The Styles or Orchard Way gates and children walk to their classrooms. <b>If arriving late, please go via reception.</b>  <span style="color: blue;">Year 1 - To bring in a plastic water bottle for the pirate launch!</span>	
	lunchtime	School lunches can be pre-booked on parentpay. <b>Please ensure payment is made in advance if applicable and that any money owing is cleared- thank you</b>  <i>All children will be eating in the school hall</i>	
	PM	School finishes at <b>3:15</b> FC, Years 1 & 2 collect from outside their classrooms Years 3 & 4 collect from the car park Years 5 & 6 collect from the playground	
	After School	The Barn after school club starts	3:15 to 6:00
Friday 3rd September	AM	<b>Year 6 at Millets Farm - see class letter. Packed lunch is required, all children to wear their school uniform.</b>	
	lunchtime		
	PM		
<p><b>Foundation Class</b> We look forward to welcoming all the new children to school There is a slight staggered start for them: Half of the class will be in school on Thursday with the other half on Friday <i>Parents have already been advised of the day for their child but if you are not sure, please email the office</i> All children should be in school from Monday 6th September</p>			
<b>Class staff for the 2021/22 academic year</b>			
Foundation Class	Mrs Wells, Mrs Talbot, Mrs Smith, Mrs Jones, Miss Dalton, Miss Ward		
Year 1	Miss Thomson, Mrs Gowers, Mrs Khimji		
Year 2	Mrs H Chapman, Mrs Adams, Miss Paton, Mrs S Chapman, Mrs Khimji		
Year 3	Miss Bennett, Mrs Shorter, Mrs Radcliffe		
Year 4	Miss Kirby, Mrs Shorter, Mrs Radcliffe		

Year 5	Miss Rockett, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Buck
Year 6	Miss Longworth, Mrs Paterson, Miss Coultas, Mrs Morris

### TESCO BLUE TOKEN SCHEME

*Thank you to everyone who has already voted for Harwell School with the blue token scheme. This continues until 30th September.*

***Please encourage everyone you know who shops at Tesco in Didcot to collect a blue token and vote for Harwell School***

*The scheme gaining most votes/blue tokens from shoppers will receive £1500, the second £1000 and the third £500. The money will go towards another climbing traverse wall to be installed next to the existing one by the AGP. With easing of restrictions, many more children will be able to enjoy using the wall*

### SWIMMING

Swimming starts next week - please ensure your child has their swim kit with them including a swim hat and towel. A reminder that no jewellery is to be worn in the pool. If your child has pierced ears and wears earrings to school, they must be able to take them out and replace them after swimming themselves.

One piece swimsuit for girls and no baggy shorts for boys.

Foundation Class Friday morning (Starting Friday 24th September, see our FC letter for details)

Year 1 Friday afternoon

Year 2 Tuesday morning

Year 3 Wednesday morning

Year 4 Thursday afternoon

Year 5 Tuesday afternoon

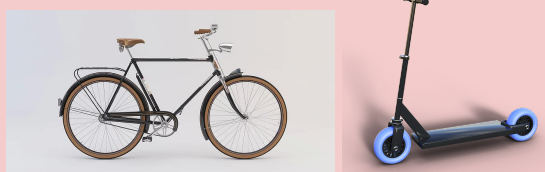
Year 6 Wednesday afternoon

### VOLUNTEERS

We are now able to welcome volunteers back into school and if you are able to help in one of the following ways, please email the office or talk to Mr Gibson or your class teacher.

We are particularly looking for volunteers to:

- Listen to children read on a regular basis
- Work in the school garden - this can be on an evening or weekend



Cycle and scooter storage area is now open for all children and staff to use

### Key Dates for this term

Thursday 9th September	Year 6 parents meeting at 5:30pm
Thursday 16th September	HSA AGM 7:15pm - <b>all parents invited</b>
Friday 17th September	Dress like a Pirate Day - donations to Hearing Dogs for the Deaf
Thursday 23rd September	DGS & SBS presentation to Year 5 and Year 6 parents 6pm
27th September to 1st October	Year 6 Residential Visit to Yenworthy
Tuesday 5th October	Flu clinic for all children

Friday 8th October	Tempest Photography - individual & sibling photographs
Wednesday 13th October	Harvest Festival (in school) - gifts will be collected that morning - details to follow
Thursday 14th October	Roving Books
20th to 22nd October	Year 4 Residential Visit to Hooke Court
25th to 29th October	Half term
Monday 1st November	INSET day