

# CANON POPHAM CofE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Here are a few updates which we hope you will find helpful.

## **New school roof**

As you may remember, last summer the school were fortunate enough to access a grant for phase 1 of our re-roofing project. We have now been allocated the funding to go ahead with phase 2 of this project and this will be starting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

The phase 2 section covers the corridor from the hall to Key Stage 2, the hall, kitchen and offices areas, so is a larger project than phase 1. This means it will take 8 weeks to complete. Therefore, the scaffold will be erected over the weekend and the project will begin on Monday. It will not impact on the children, or their access points to school. It is expected that by starting 2 weeks before we break for the summer, this project will be finished in time to start the new school year in September.

## **Transition Day**

In preparation for September, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July will be our transition day in school. This will give all the children to opportunity to meet their new teacher, if they are changing teacher and classroom, or to think with their teacher about preparing for the new year, if they are staying with their teacher and in their classroom. We hope that the children will enjoy this and that it will enable them to feel confident and settled as they look forward to the next school year

## **School dinners**

We would like to remind all parents and carers of children who have school meals to please ensure your child's meal is ordered before 8am each day, at the latest. If you pay for your child's meals, please ensure there are sufficient funds in your ParentPay account (in advance) to enable you to order a meal. Over the last couple of weeks we have had between 12 and 15 pupils every day who have not had a meal ordered and have not brought a packed lunch from home either. This makes it very time consuming for Mrs Bell in the office to organise last minute meals, and is also an issue for the kitchen staff to have to produce so many 'extra' meals at the last minute. We would like to politely ask that parents remember to order a meal in advance. Should your child not have a meal ordered, we will provide them with a sandwich but may be unable to provide a cooked meal at the last minute.

## **Media reports about changes to COVID restrictions in school.**

You will no doubt have seen in the media that there may be changes regarding bubbles and COVID safety arrangements in schools. I just wanted to let you know that at the moment, schools have not had any communication confirming any changes from the Department of Education. As soon as we receive new guidance about any changes and how this will impact on arrangements for September we will let you know. However, we are currently still waiting for this guidance.



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## **School Crossing Patrol**

From the week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July until the end of term, there will be no school crossing patrol present. Please can I ask that you take extra care when crossing the road in the morning and afternoon and remind older children who may walk to school on their own about pedestrian and road safety, thank you.

## **Changes to dates for the next school year – 2021/22**

This week we received the following communication from the Local Authority:

### **Adjustment to 2021/22**

The Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 has now been moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Local Authority had already set a half term break in the week commencing 31st May, as is the case for the majority of schools. In response and to allow schools to benefit from the extra Bank Holiday, the Government has now published regulations reducing the school year by 1 day for 2021/22.

The Local Authority holiday pattern has now therefore had to be adjusted to take into account the requirement to reduce the number of teaching days by one day to 189 days from 190. In light of the shorter than normal summer break next year, Friday 29 July 2022 will now be a school holiday and not the scheduled training day. There will still be the standard 5 training days in the year.

In light of this change we therefore have to adjust our school training days, because our final training day was scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> July.

It therefore seems sensible and appropriate to move the training day from 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 as scheduled, to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021. This means that rather than bringing the children back to school for 1 day before a weekend at the start of the academic year, the children will now start back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. This also allows an additional window of time to enable roofing contractors to be finished and off site before the children start back, should there have been any delays over the summer.

Therefore, to confirm, our training days next year will be

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022



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The holiday dates for next year remain the same.  
We will send home an updated calendar for your information.

We sincerely apologise for the change in this date but this was beyond our control as this has only been notified to us from the Local Authority this week.

If you have a child due to start in Nursery and have a scheduled stay and play date on 3<sup>rd</sup> September we will now reschedule this and let you know next week about the alteration of the dates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Navas



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