



12th May 2021

Dear Parents,

Summer Letter 3

Transition

We are working closely with Pershore and other local high schools to smooth the transition for our pupils from Year 6 to 7. Contact has been made with all of the schools and information has been shared. Pupils moving on to Pershore received their initial pack of activities and information yesterday. We are also looking forward to welcoming a new group of reception pupils next academic year. The early years staff will soon begin their visits to local pre-schools (virtually or outside) to get to know our future Willow Class pupils.

Malvern Outdoor Adventure Visit

Our Year 4 pupils will be visiting Malvern Outdoor Elements Education Centre on 24th and 25th May to take part in activities such as orienteering, high ropes and zip-wire. This visit is usually a residential course but due to COVID restrictions it will take place during the day. A reminder that our Year 4's will need collecting from school at 4.50pm on these 2 days.

National Book Tokens-Win £5000 for School

Fill the library with new books!

A good school library isn't just important for academic achievement. Reading for pleasure also improves children's wellbeing – something our children need now more than ever before.

The National Book Tokens big prize draw is back, giving us the chance to win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library and if your entry is picked, you will also get £100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!

The closing date is Saturday 31st July 2021, and the winner will be announced in the autumn term.

Please use the link below to find out more...

[Win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school](#)

PE Kits

Many thanks in continuing to send your child/ren into school dressed in their PE kits on the correct days. This system is working well. Please remember that any outer layers worn must be school colours blue or navy and sweatshirts/hoodies should not have slogans or large logos. Joggers/leggings also to be navy, blue or black. A school sweatshirt or cardigan can be worn over the school PE top to keep pupils warm.



School Arts Mark

You might remember completing a recent survey posted on Seesaw about curriculum enrichment:

Curriculum Enrichment at NJK

I have:	Yes
Visited a church	
Visited Worcester Cathedral	
I am a member of a library	
I have been to the Hive	
I have met or seen an author live	
I have been to a theatre	
I have been to an art gallery	
I have been to a museum	
I have been to a cinema	
I have been to a castle	
I have been to a sea life centre	
I have been on a train ride	
I have watched a historical re-enactment	
I have been on a bus ride	
I have been to a zoo/farm park	
I have been to a seaside	
I have walked up the Malvern Hills	
I have spent a night away from home (without parents)	
I am a Beaver, Cub, Rainbow or Brownie	
I have grown my own vegetables	
I am a member of a sports team/club	

As part of our curriculum review we would like to gauge the areas of our curriculum that need enriching further. We would really appreciate you ticking the activities/places your child has visited *in memory (with you or a family member)*. Please don't tick if they visited as a very young child and have no recollection or it was a visit arranged by school/nursery. No judgements are being made about the experiences your child has had, it is just to inform us of potential areas we could focus on in terms of visits, visitors and experiences.

As a school we are currently undertaking the Artsmark Award. The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports settings to develop and celebrate their commitment to arts and cultural education. In response to our school survey we have arranged an author visit for Monday 17th May. We are thrilled to let you know that Spoz will be visiting school to inspire the pupils about poetry, reading, writing and books and to help them develop their skills and enthusiasm. Spoz has been astounding his audiences with his poetry since 2005. He has been Birmingham's Poet Laureate, performed at the Glastonbury Festival and facilitated poetry workshops at hundreds of schools. He has even been on BBC's The One Show! Spoz will be offering poetry workshops to pupils in KS2 and performing for pupils in KS1 (weather permitting as this will be done outside due to our COVID restrictions). Spoz has very kindly agreed to take lateral flows tests this week allowing for 3 negative test prior to his visits!



DFE Guidance for Schools

On Monday, the Prime Minister announced that the country will move to Step 3 of the roadmap on Monday 17th May. In the guidance for schools published yesterday, the regulations and system of controls remains largely the same:

'The overarching objective should be to reduce the number of contacts amongst pupils, and between pupils and staff. As set out in the system of controls, this can be achieved through keeping groups separate (in bubbles) and through maintaining social distance between individuals. These are not alternative options. Both measures will help, but the balance between them will change depending on the age of pupils, the layout of the building, and the feasibility of keeping groups separate from each other while offering a broad curriculum'

Therefore the staggered starts and bubble working will remain in place. Please be aware lessons start immediately so please ensure you arrive promptly.

Timings for drop off and collection are as follows :-

Group 1 Elm, Oak, Ash and Maple

Start of day : 8.45am, End of day : 3.10pm

Group 2 Hazel, Rowan and Willow

Start of day : 9.00am, End of day : 3.00pm

Siblings are to be dropped off and collected at the same time. This will be the time slot shown for your older sibling.

As the restrictions gradually ease, we will follow government guidelines and subject to our own risk assessments begin to add more events to the NJK calendar such as end of year performances, leaver's service and educational visits. We will of course proceed with caution but it is great to be able to offer our pupils further enrichment and more opportunities once again.

Kind regards

Mrs Dean
Headteacher