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8<sup>th</sup> July 2021**End of Term Events**

Dear Parents,

I am writing to confirm the timings of the school events for the remaining few weeks and how we will be delivering them. *I am sorry that the timings are coming out late but we wanted to wait as long as we could to make an informed decision, based on the national restrictions, the local situation and staff views on what we should do.*

We have decided that it is best that we continue to operate the COVID safety measures that are in place until the very end of term, regardless of the final announcements made by the government about the lifting of restrictions on the 19<sup>th</sup> July.

It would be very sad for families if they had to isolate at the start of the holidays because of a 'close contact', school related COVID case because we had our normal large scale school events and celebrations in person, face-to-face.

We have been very fortunate over the last year that the only time we have had to close 'bubbles' is because of national lockdowns and directions, not because of cases in our school. We would like to try and keep it this way for the remainder of the term and ensure that you can all enjoy your summer holidays.

We have tried to think creatively about how we can still bring the school events to our wider community through the power of technology. FOSS have very kindly bought us a sophisticated camera that will allow us to stream all of the events LIVE when they take place in school, through Zoom. So parents and grandparents will be able to watch them in real time or catch up with the recorded version on our school website.

**School Sports Day**Nursery, Reception and Year 1: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July @ 11.00-11.45am<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81642726570?pwd=OGZuUIRTR2Q4eEhla2NqQINZak9FZz09>

Meeting ID: 816 4272 6570

Passcode: 623694

Year 2 to Year 6: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July @ 1.15-3.00pm<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88087253621?pwd=ZHVuQ3pEblBrNER5ZWxDMWNuajF3UT09>

Meeting ID: 880 8725 3621

Passcode: 550416

**Year 6 Leavers Play**This will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July between 9.30-10.30am.

As long as it is not raining, it will be held outside. This is the one event we are inviting parents in for, and just the parents of children in Year 6, because it is such an important milestone in their lives. We will be asking everyone to remain socially distant from each during their time on the school site. If it is raining, parents will not be able to attend in person because we will be performing it in our small school hall.

Regardless of weather conditions, we will also be LIVE streaming the play via the following ZOOM link so that parents and grandparents can watch:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83787702695?pwd=UDZYQjBVRcVSHNqMXpwcm1yWWdZQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 8770 2695

Passcode: 50798

### **Awards and Presentation Evening**

This will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July between 6.00-7.30pm, with children and their families watching from home via this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82379664893?pwd=R1BpdldidCtsb0ZlYjluNHduZXllZ09>

Meeting ID: 823 7966 4893

Passcode: 438335

We are going to be BOLD, BRAVE and COURAGIOUS in our approach and give it a Standlake twist...

We would love all families to see our Awards and Presentation Evening as something like the 'Oscars' and make an evening of it, all settled round their screening device together. Perhaps you might like to have food and drinks on hand while you watch!

We will be awarding prizes for the following:

1. Best dressed family. *This could be a costume or smart clothing...*
2. Best backdrop. *So families can decorate the room they are in...*
3. Best participation. *There will be dancing and singing, so join in...*

This year, we will not be telling families in advance if their child is going to be getting an award. We are hoping that EVERYONE will tune in via Zoom because when it comes to the announcing of awards we will try to cut LIVE to a household where a member of staff will knock on the door and present the award on the doorstep!

Throughout the evening, we will be showing pre-recorded music and singing segments that the children have performed in their classes.

Of course, a ZOOM gathering would not be the same without a Mr Denham's challenge. So please have shaving foam and Wotsits at the ready...!

Parents, I am sorry that we cannot meet all together, as we would normally do at this time of year. We would have loved to see you all in person on our school field, celebrating our successes and the joy of the final restrictions coming to the end. However, I hope that our plans for the last couple of weeks of term go some way to making sure we finish the year on a happy high!

Kind regards,

Andrew Denham