

Tuesday 14th July 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

End of Year Report

We are at the end of another year, and with that comes your child's annual report. We have changed them slightly this year so that it is clear to see whether your child is achieving the same standard as other children their age nationally, how much progress they are making and how much effort they are making.

It is really important that we congratulate all of the children for their resilience through another year of lockdowns and online learning. It has been so very hard and, as I have read through the reports, the effort that the children have made to reconnect with their learning has been awesome. We are very proud of them all. Not all of the children will be in line with national expectations. We will work really hard with them over the next year or so to close the learning gaps that have occurred because of the pandemic. Your biggest at focus at home is to read and encourage reading everyday please. If you have a reluctant reader, read to them, they will still pick up new words which will help them with their full curriculum.

If you would like a further conversation with the class teacher about a particular concern on the report, please call the office to arrange a time.

End of year Covid arrangements

The number of Covid cases in Stoke on Trent continues to rise. As such, we will keep all measures in place until the end of term. Despite the government's easing of restrictions, we ask that you continue to wear masks and social distance whilst on school grounds.

Transition Days

On Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th of July, we are having our move up days where children visit their new class and teacher. On those days, the children will go straight to their new classroom in the morning. Look out for the teachers and signs as you move around the school through the one-way system. Drop off times will remain the same, you will just move around to the next classroom where teachers will greet the children. Pick up times will also remain the same. Year 6 will be in the Hubb with Mr. Battrick for the 2 days and must go there with all of their belongings at the start of the day.

September Arrangements

We are awaiting further guidance from our estate team around further guidance for the September arrangements. As you are aware, the situations around the pandemic change quickly and 6 weeks can be a long time. We therefore ask for your patience and to keep an eye on your emails as we will write to you in the holidays to confirm all arrangements prior to the start date.

Changes to the Curriculum

We can share that there have been some changes to the curriculum and from September we will be using Cornerstones as a scheme for all of our wider curriculum needs. We will share what this looks like with you early in September. We have also commissioned Stoke music service and, from September, all children will be benefitting from high quality music lessons. We can't wait!

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Summer

We still have some places left in our holiday club. Please contact the office if you would like your child to attend.

We hope that you have a lovely summer and, with the freedom to go to different places, make the most of your time together. We wish the year 6 children all the luck in the world as they transition to high school and look forward to welcoming everybody back, safe, well and refreshed in September.

Kind regards,

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101 SUMMER FUN IDEAS

that kids can do at home

1. Hunt for bugs.
2. Use water to "paint" the house, sidewalk, patio, etc.
3. Set up a backyard obstacle course and time each other.
4. Leave notes for neighbors in chalk on the sidewalk.
5. Make a ring toss game out of paper plates.*
6. Make cookies using an illustrated recipe.*
7. Make fidget spinners out of legos.*
8. Learn to play the dice game.*
9. Play balloon ball: hit balloons back and forth with hands or rackets
10. Hide "treasure" and then make clues for someone to find it
11. Make marshmallow catapults.*
12. Use a long piece of aluminum foil to make a river.
13. Wash dishes + play with water in the sink or tub.
14. Dump out all your crayons and sort them by color.
15. Make tissue paper art.*
16. Use a piece of cardboard to make a ramp to race cars down.
17. Use masking tape to create roads on the floor.
18. Tape crepe paper across a hallway to create a "laser maze".*
19. Make boats from pieces of pool noodle and pencils.*
20. Take turns telling a silly story, each person adding a sentence.
21. Water all the plants. Ask permission to water neighbor's plants.
22. Decorate a cardboard box to look like a car. Go for a drive.
23. Build a tent with blankets.
24. Set up an actual tent inside and have a sleepover w/toys.
25. Fill the bucket relay race.*
26. Invite neighborhood kids over for a bike rodeo.
27. Spread butcher paper out and draw a city.
28. Glue cardboard boxes together to make buildings. Paint them.
29. Make lightsabers.*
30. Color overlapping circle drawings.*
31. Attach ribbons to a stick and the dance with it.
32. Thread macaroni on yarn to make a necklace. Paint it.
33. Use toothpicks and mini marshmallows to build skyscrapers.
34. Draw chalk outlines of each other, then color them in.
35. Hunt for smooth rocks and then paint them.
36. Go on a color photo scavenger hunt: try to take pictures of something that is every color of the rainbow.
37. Paint with homemade finger paint.*
38. Use a balloon and a straw to make balloon rockets.*
39. Find somewhere comfy and listen to an audiobook.
40. Search online for dot-to-dots and print them out to finish.
41. Learn how to fold paper airplanes.*
42. Learn how to fold origami jumping frogs.*
43. Learn how to fold newspaper hats.*
44. Decorate dollar store t-shirts with puffy paint.
45. Make your own kite and try to fly it.*
46. Have a playdough creating contest.
47. Make puppets out of brown paper bags.
48. Learn to make flowers out of tissue paper.*
49. Collect leaves to make rubbings.*
50. Play two square or four square. Draw squares w/chalk.
51. Write a letter or email.
52. Listen to songs from your favorite movie and sing along.
53. Make ice cream in a bag.*
54. Put hula hoops out in the yard and play frisbee golf.
55. Make a toy car wash with a little water in a bin and wash your toys.
56. See how high you can stack plastic cups.
57. Make a lego maze pinball game.*
58. Glue seashells on a dollar store photo frame to decorate it.
59. Make homemade moon sand and play with it.*
60. Make tin can stilts.*
61. Set up indoor bowling with water bottles and a ball.
62. Cut up small pieces of colored paper and make a design with them.
63. Make a God's-eye with sticks and yarn.*
64. Make fingerprint drawings.*
65. Have a lego building contest.
66. Have an A-Z scavenger hunt (find things that start with each letter).
67. Practice making shadow puppets.*
68. Draw a giant hopscotch on the driveway with chalk.
69. Create your own summer Olympics games.
70. Make your own bubble solution for giant bubbles.*
71. Use washable paint to paint each others' faces.
72. Play Bingo (get printable cards online).*
73. Play Charades.
74. Try out some yoga for kids videos.*
75. Take a family nap. Get pillows and snuggle and listen to music.
76. Work on a puzzle (or get out two easy puzzles and race to finish).
77. Have a picnic in the backyard.
78. Try out some easy science experiments.*
79. Jump rope. Look up some jump rope rhymes online.*
80. Skype or FaceTime with grandparents or cousins.
81. Collect moss, bark and leaves to make a fairy house.*
82. Write and illustrate a comic book.
83. Play toilet tag or TV tag.
84. Set up a mini golf course in the house.*
85. Make a bird feeder.*
86. Make your own drumset and kazoo and start a band.*
87. Look up riddles online and see if you can stump each other.*
88. Watch family movies.
89. Look at scrapbooks (or check out your parents old yearbooks).
90. Read! Find book recommendations for your age online.*
91. Play dress up. Visit Mom + Dad's closets.
92. Wash the car.
93. Collect leaves
94. Learn finger knitting.*
95. Use straws and a cardboard lid to make a marble maze.*
96. Design with Perler beads (melty beads). Find templates online.*
97. Color or paint paper doilies from the dollar store.
98. Collect sticks and leaves and use them as a paintbrush.
99. Play Duck Duck Goose.
100. Draw a target on the driveway and toss balls/sponges at it.
101. Make and play with Obleck.*

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Yours sincerely,

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