

A huge congratulations to Mrs Boothroyd and her family! Baby Daisy was born on Monday 6 July weighing 8lb 14.5oz and as you can see she is a little beauty!



Knowing Mrs Boothroyd, I have no doubt she'll join us for the BBQ on Thursday 16 July to say farewell to Year 6!

Year 6 BBQ—Thursday 16 July

We are looking forward to welcoming all Year 6 back on Thursday 16 July. No other pupils will be in the building and we plan to hold a barbeque in the playground. Hoodies will be handed out and there will be a couple of other surprises!



Free School Meal Vouchers

Due to the unprecedented nature of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the DfE have recognised families will face increased pressure on household budgets over the coming months. That is why they are launching a Covid Summer Food Fund which will enable children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals to be supported over the summer holiday period. School already has record of all families who are eligible to receive free school meals so there is no need to re-register. Families with one or two children in school are likely to be sent paper vouchers or an eCode for the full six weeks, whereas larger families are likely to be sent a voucher every fortnight.



School Uniforms



Uniform orders for pupils eligible for free school meals have now all been placed. We have no confirmation date for delivery as yet but will inform you as soon as we do. It is the expectation that from 7 September all pupils will be required to wear full school uniform in accordance with our policy.

Headteacher's Message



It's been a while since I last sat down to write the newsletter! There is a lot of information to share with you over the next few weeks; please keep checking the school website and parent's Facebook page for the latest information and uploads.

As you are all too aware, school closing in March was a very difficult time. I won't dwell on that too much as I've already said how strange school felt, along with the uncertainty and worry of not knowing when we might open again. Nevertheless, with the sheer hard work and determination of every single member of our amazing team, we find ourselves almost at the end of the school year; having worked relentlessly throughout to ensure our children and staff were kept safe.

I am extremely proud of how, as a school, we have accommodated so many of our children during school closure—for the children of key workers and also over the last few weeks since the government announced the return of some year groups. We have gone to extraordinary lengths to ensure school is as safe a place as possible—not just in terms of hygiene and cleanliness but also ensuring the children are emotionally safe, having looked after some of our most vulnerable children every day since March.

I am therefore incredibly pleased that, after careful consideration, we will be able to invite all classes back for one final day next week.

We feel it is incredibly important that *all* pupils at Worth Valley Primary are able to finish their school year with a sense of closure and have a chance to say goodbye to their teachers, support staff and classmates.

Care has been taken to ensure children are organised into bubbles of no more than 15; for each class returning this is two bubbles which have been organised into friendship groups. Both bubbles will be based in interconnecting classrooms for the first part of the day and children will be able to talk and complete fun activities with their adults, talk to their friends and receive information/ have their questions answered about returning to school in September. In the afternoon the children will spend most of the time outside and will be able to play within their bubble. The outdoor space will be arranged to ensure children are able to talk to all their classmates whilst also staying in their bubble. There may also be some party games and treats!

Plans—including dates, timings and locations—are outlined on page 2. We genuinely cannot wait to see your child or children back at school and send them off for the summer holidays with a sense of normality, happiness and closure. We know from seeing the pupils returning to us in Year 1, 6 and Reception class that being back in school has had a significantly positive effect on their wellbeing.

Plan for all children to return for one day during week commencing 13 July

Year	Date	Times	Entrance & Exit
6	Thursday 16 July	9am—2.30pm	Main gate
5	Monday 13 July	8.45am-2.45pm	Main gate
4	Monday 13 July	9am—3pm	Main gate
3	Monday 13 July	8.45am-2.45pm	Main gate
2	Tuesday 14 July	9am—3pm	Main gate
1	Wednesday 15 July	8.45am—2.45pm	Main gate
Reception	Wednesday 15 July	8.40am—2.40pm	Small gate
Nursery	Wednesday 15 July	9am—12.00 noon	Small gate

- Children can wear normal clothes and are not required to wear school uniform
- Food (lunch and party food) will be provided—items will be pre-wrapped or provided in pack-up paper bags
- Parents will drop their children off at —and collect from—the gates during their allocated times stated above. Children in Years 5 and 6 may walk home by themselves, though parents must give permission beforehand
- It is anticipated that children of key workers will not return to school after their allocated day to return. For example, a key worker child Year 4 will not need to attend school after Monday 13 July
- If any parents of children already attending school require childcare after their allocated day, please contact Miss Lodge via the school office 01535 604240 or by email at c.lodge@worthvalleyprimary.co.uk
- Routines to promote good hygiene are in place, such as regular handwashing and using hand sanitiser throughout the day
- If possible, please send pupils with a carrier bag. Items such as PE kit, uniform, school reports and the summer learning pack will be sent home on the day
- Pupils in Reception, and Year 1 will attend as normal next week and finish on Wednesday 15th

Class Information for 2020-2021

	Teacher (s)	Support Staff
Year 6	Mrs Boothroyd*	Mrs Nicholson Mrs Halifax
Year 5	Miss Metcalf	Mrs Townson Miss Holmes
Year 4	Mr Tiffany	Mrs Bethell
Year 3	Mrs Batey	Mrs Dobson Mrs Myers
Year 2	Mrs Hiley Mrs Grant	Mrs Wilson Mrs Clarke
Year 1	Miss Crawford Miss Milner	Miss Russell
Reception	Mrs Oram	Miss Vincent Mrs Russell
Nursery	Mrs Richardson Mrs Page**	Miss Boswell
Pre-school	Miss Blenkarn Miss Horner	

*Mrs Whittam is a qualified teacher and will teach Year 6 whilst Mrs Boothroyd is on maternity leave

** Mrs Page teaches Nursery on Fridays; this will be covered by Mrs Richardson whilst Mrs Page is on maternity leave

Transition

An important element of transition is to enable pupils to have a sense of closure for the current academic year. This is why we are inviting all pupils back to school for one day.

The Senior Leadership Team are currently working hard to ensure things run as smoothly as possible when all children return to school in September. Further information will be sent out over the coming weeks.

Transition packs will soon be sent to all parents of pupils in Early Years which provides all the information needed for a successful start to the school year!

As SENCO, Mrs Page will contact the parents of pupils who may require further support with transition.

