



Dear Parents, children and families,
We made it! We can't believe we're almost at the end of *another* school year.. Another strange one too! At the moment, we're not sure what the restrictions will be and whether bubbles will still be in place when we return in September. We will keep you informed as and when we know more.

Your child's school report will be coming home next week. As always, if you have any concerns or queries, please speak to your child's class teacher. Have a lovely summer break and stay safe!



****IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PARENT PAY****

We recently wrote to you to let you know that we are swapping to Parent Pay from September. The letter contained full instructions about how to set up a new account.

Please speak to the office if you are having any difficulty or have any questions.

Please be aware that if you do not have an account, your child will not be able to have a school meal. We will also be using Parent Pay for all of our clubs, trips, discos etc, so it is **essential** that **all pupils** have an account. Thank you.

GoodBye and good Luck..

It's that time of year again where we sadly have to say a few goodbyes.

Mrs Foden (Squirrels Teacher) has made the decision to retire at the end of this half term. Mrs Foden is our longest standing member of staff! What a wonderful contribution she has made over many years at George Betts. She will be missed so so much, but we wish her all the very best for her much deserved retirement!

Mrs Izekil (Dolphins teaching assistant) is leaving too, but isn't going very far...she is joining the team at Shireland Hall from next Monday! We will miss her lots but we know she will be fab in her new role!

Mrs Plant (Federation SENDCO) will be leaving her role to spend precious time with her family. We will miss her and wish her every happiness for the future! Miss Blackburn will fully take over the SEND (**S**pecial **E**ducational **N**eeds & **D**isabilities) role from September.

Last, but certainly not least, our wonderful **Year 6 pupils** who will be starting their secondary school journeys in September. We wish you all the very best of luck. Don't forget to pop back to see us and let us know how you're getting on!



Children's art competition



We are very excited to tell you about an Art Competition that all children are invited to take part in! Their task is to design a shield that represents the ethos of our school! The winning design will then be made into a proper shield for our very own Knight, 'Sir George, to hold and it will be displayed right at the entrance of our school. There will be also be lots of Fantastic Prizes for both KS1 and KS2!

For any children that wish to take part, your Teacher can print off a template for you. The deadline for entries is Friday 9th July. Good luck!

Reminder of key dates Autumn Term:

Training Days:	Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021 (school closed)
Term starts for children:	Monday 6th September 2021
Parents' Day:	Monday 4th October 2021 (school closed to pupils)
Half term holiday:	Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021
Last day of term:	Friday 17th December 2021

Attendance at school is very important. All routine appointments should be made outside of school time.

A message from Mr Shephard...

Another year like none before! We started with new policies, procedures, rules and bubbles in September, which worked really well for the Autumn Term. Children got used to staying in their classes for lunches, only mixing within their own class, forward facing, no singing or swimming and no Christmas events.






Our main aim was to return as much normality for the children as we could and support their emotional wellbeing over what had been a very difficult previous year.

Over Lockdown 2 (January - March), George Betts had some of the highest uptake on Google Classroom of all Elliot Schools. Thank you to those who supported this whilst still juggling your own lives and commitments. Recent data shows that those children who engaged with online learning have made the most rapid gains since Easter.

Looking forward to September, and fingers crossed the easing of restrictions within school, we will be returning to a full and varied curriculum and hopefully children will be able to mix at least within their year group. Obviously this will all be dependant on restrictions we have to follow. We will of course keep you up to date with all the changes if and when they happen.

A huge thank you to all staff members who will not be returning in September, and to our Year 6 leavers who have had a very disrupted past two years. Thank you to parents and carers for your support as always and we look forward to seeing you back in September.



Date	Event
Friday 2nd July	Sports Day for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 
Monday 5th July	NHS Day!  £1 donation to wear non-uniform (NHS themed!)
Friday 9th July	French Day!  Children can wear the colours red, white and blue
Wednesday 7th July	Sports Day for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 
Wednesday 14th July	Non-uniform day for Y6 (sensible clothes for their picnic) 
Friday 16th July	Last day of school today! Class parties in the afternoon! 