

# July 2022 Newsletter

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Dear Families,

As we reach the end of a short but very busy summer term I write to say thank you to the whole community. Our children have been supported so well by everybody and school life quickly returned to normal after two very uncertain years dominated by the pandemic. Teachers have worked so hard to recover any lost learning and to ensure that they provided a rich and purposeful curriculum as well as returning to many of the enrichment activities they have been unable to provide in the last few years. It was fantastic to see so many parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles join our sports days, musical evenings and of course to see our year 6 children perform 'Wow- What a Year'. Our year 6 cohort have developed such maturity this year and carried out their SATs with calm determination and celebrated in Hawaiian style at their leavers party on Friday evening. May I extend my thanks to our PTA for organising such a fantastic evening for them. We wish them well as they move to their secondary placements and look forward to hearing how they are getting on. This term we have also been able to welcome our new starters to transition sessions and I know staff are looking forward to getting to know our new Bees and Ladybirds!

Congratulations to Shalyen in year 6, the designer of the Rocket Blast entry for creating a high performing glider and launch pad! Shaylen won a converted top spot in #3MYIC AeroTech Challenge as well as £750 for new science equipment for school.

We say goodbye to Sam Benjamin who moves to Spain this summer after many years at school, she will be greatly missed and we wish her all the very best for her future. We also say goodbye to Amanda Rutter who is moving to a new school in the city, we also wish her all the very best and look forward to hearing how she is getting on.

School will re open to children on Tuesday 30th August. Wishing you all a lovely summer break.

**Mr Lee**

Why not visit Syston Library over the summer break– it is so important to keep you children reading and enjoying books, Syston library has had a new look...

Why not get curious about reading with their Summer Reading Challenge!

Join the Gadgeteers for the Summer Reading Challenge to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you, including some of your favourite things!

For this year's challenge, The Reading Agency has partnered with the Science Museum Group to create 'Gadgeteers', inspiring children to use their curiosity and creativity to discover the science behind the everyday, and celebrate the role of the imagination in both reading and the sciences.




[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)



Please see attached this reminder about our school uniform and PE kit policy— there are some changes from this past academic year so please take some time to read this carefully.

<b>Tops</b>	<b>White polo shirt</b>
<b>Jumpers</b>	Red sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan <b>with school logo</b>
<b>Trousers</b>	Black/grey trousers or shorts
<b>Skirts/ dresses</b>	Black/grey skirt Red checked summer dress
<b>Footwear</b>	Black school shoes; <b><u>Velcro only please in EYFS and Y1</u></b>
<b>PE kit</b>	<p><b>Please note all PE clothing should be <u>plain</u> and <u>without logos/wording</u>:</b></p> <p>White short sleeved T-shirt</p> <p><b>Black</b> jogging bottoms</p> <p><b>Black</b> shorts (warmer weather)</p> <p><b>Black</b> sweatshirt</p> <p>Sport trainers; <b><u>Velcro only please in EYFS and Y1</u></b></p> <p>Long hair needs to be tied up. Earring removed/covered up with surgical tape.</p>

Your child will have come home today with our Summer Writing Challenge ( see opposite). We identified that during the various lockdowns writing took the ‘biggest hit’ and we have noticed across school that many children back writing stamina. We value writing for pleasure as important for children as reading for pleasure. These challenges are designed to be fun and there is no expectation to work your way through the ideas. Please use the suggestions as suits you or even add your own. Your child’s new teacher would love to celebrate any writing with your child in the new year or this can be done in a more low key way at home.



## Merton Summer Writing Challenge

How many challenges will you do this summer? Maybe you could think of your own?

Write a letter to your new teacher telling them all about you!	Write about a new food you tasted this summer.	Could you write a new adventure for a character in your book?	Complete the Library Reading Challenge; can you write a book review?	Maybe draw a map of your route to school, labelling the roads that you pass. Use direction words.	Write a poem about all your favourite things about Summer.
Make a list of all the things you would like to do this summer. Tick them off as you do them!	Write a letter to your friend and post it to them through their letter box!	Go into your garden. What can you see? Hear? Smell? Feel and taste? Write a description of your garden using your senses.	Write under the stars.	Email your new class teacher writing a few sentences about something exciting you have done over the summer.	Make a journal of your holidays—use scrapbooking to add your ideas.
Make a difference to someone's day by making a card and write a special message thanking or complimenting someone.	Write a song.	Write down your dreams.	On pieces of paper, write down all the things you could do on a rainy day and pull them out of a hat each time the weather is not being kind.	Write an information text about your favourite animal or hobby.	Send a postcard to school, or a friend when you are on holiday.
Go for a walk and write 5 sentences about it.	Write a birthday card to a friend or someone in your family.	Practise your handwriting...	Write a recipe, and make a meal!	Keep a laughter journal—write down one thing a day that has made you laugh really hard.	Make an obstacle course and write some instructions about how to use it!



Wow – what a term!



3M Champions!



Year 4 in Hollowford....



Year 1 raised  
£150.00 for UNICEF

Year 5 /6 League 1  
Champions!





## Wow – What a Year... Year 6 show and leavers party



## Musical performance celebration

