



CHILTON FOLIAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Assessment and Reporting Schedule – Summer Terms 2021

At the end of September, I wrote you about how we were planning to assess and report for this academic year, taking into account the impact of COVID-19 and partial school closure which took place during the previous academic year. We got as far as sending out a summary report in November 2020, however despite best laid plans, I am writing to you again with a revised schedule. At the heart of the plan is the desire to be transparent and to communicate with all our families as soon as practically possible, about how your children are progressing at school, in the widest sense.

Our current focus is to concentrate efforts on being with the children, teaching and supporting in different settings: whole class, small groups and 1 to 1 interventions. We are deploying additional teacher and teaching assistant hours to ensure that our children get the maximum contact time possible. In doing so we are able to gather “real time” assessment information which informs our planning on a daily basis; making adjustments to our teaching practice to meet the individual needs of our children both academically and with regard to pastoral care.

Our over-arching aim for the remainder of the academic year, supported by the Local Authority and other educational think tanks, is to provide an education where:

- Children will experience a positive return to school where they are engaged in a review of learning they have familiarity with. This will build confidence and firm foundations for future learning. We will prioritise key topics rather than trying to teach everything.
- Time should be devoted to teaching that involves reconnecting with pupils, assessing informally (in the short term) and filling in gaps.

During Summer Terms 5 and 6, we have planned for opportunities to provide different sets of information to you about your child(ren).

- a) Parents Meetings – Week beginning 24th May 2021
- b) Formal Annual Reports – Tuesday 6th July 2021
- c) Open Afternoon (Covid restrictions permitting) – Friday 16th July 2021

Parents Meetings in the week beginning 24th May, will still have to be held remotely and we are looking into a couple of systems that will enable us to deliver these meetings in an efficient and timely way.

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For Years 1 – 6 we will be conducting some formal assessment based on tests in core subjects, English Reading, Writing and Maths, but not until June. We will need to do this to achieve a benchmark upon which to base our curriculum offer for the following academic year and for our Year 6's, to provide additional information to their receiving secondary schools. The assessment information will also help inform the Formal Annual Report you will receive on Tuesday 6th July 2021.

Covid restrictions dependent, the proposed Open Afternoon on Friday 16th July will come at the end of a special themed week "Community and Togetherness". It will be an opportunity for our parents to come to school to share in a special Collective Worship, take a tour of the children's classrooms and see examples of work produced during the week and throughout the year. What a wonderful thing that would be!

It is important to stress that in amongst this schedule, if you would like to speak to your child's teacher you would be welcome to phone or email the office and make an appointment for a telephone or Teams meeting.

In summary, our reporting schedule for the remainder of the academic year 2020/2021 is:

Event	Date	Year Groups
One to One parents meetings	From week beginning 24 th May 2021	All year groups
Formal Annual Report	Week beginning 5 th July 2021	All year groups
Open Afternoon	Friday 16 th July 2021	All year groups

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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