

It has been a good start to the summer term, although a little bit chillier than this time last year! The SRB construction is well underway and we have had the chance to find out more about the different jobs involved in the build. The building team created a super PowerPoint about the build and also gave the teaching team the chance to address staying safe and how the builders need to work safely. To reassure parents about the amount of field that is not currently available, we will gain a significant amount back. The builders need additional space for their cabins and vehicles but this is only for the duration of the build. We will get this part of the field back, in September, as well as a super new build with facilities the school can benefit from.

We are really pleased to say the wooded area has been and currently continues to be developed. We have purchased lots of resources that will enable the children to make the best use of this lovely environment within the school grounds and access the resources in the Cob house too. The teaching team will let you know which day of the week your child has outdoor learning. This is such a wonderful way for the children to learn about respecting the environment, looking after resources, teamwork and having the chance to explore and follow their interests.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our families. We have all had to cope with so many changes and compromises but we are all hopeful the current restrictions will be coming to an end soon. We will maintain the current measures in place at drop off and collection time but hopefully we can start to review and adjust these, in the next few weeks, as soon as restrictions enable us to do so. We will keep you updated, via email with any changes. We will also keep you updated with transition arrangements both in school and into feeder schools as soon as we can.

Just one reminder. Please do not let children use the climbing equipment before or after school. We are not insured to use this outside of school hours and in the current climate, we are reducing the number of classes using it per day. Thank you for your help with this and let's hope for some more sunshine to make this summer term a really positive and enjoyable one!!

Dates

Remember, we are closed on Monday 3rd May as this is a Bank Holiday.

Last day of Summer 1st half term: Friday 28th May 2021.

June Half Term Holiday:
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021.

Back to School: Monday 7th June 2021.

End of Summer Term:
Wednesday 21st July 2021.

The academic calendar can be found on the school website
<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/ardengrove-term-dates>

Covid Update Several parents have made us aware they have been advised the lateral flow test aren't suitable for young children and have been told to call the Covid line to book a test.

Our Code: This is an updated version of 'Our Code'. Since we last shared this, it has had a recent revamp! We will be sharing this with the children next week. We refer to this all the time as a really positive and child friendly way to encourage and help children make good choices and try their best. We also remind them 'Our Code' goes with them wherever we go, including at home or if we are out and about so you might find this useful to use too.

Let's...

- Always be **kind** to everyone and take **care** of everything
- Always use our **good manners** wherever we go
- Try to understand how our **feelings** work and use them well
- Always try to do our **best** and always say "I can!"
- Listen well, be **honest** and try to make **good choices**

Our Code

Becoming Brain Scientists :

Many parents have said they are finding the work we are doing with children to help them identify and name emotions as well as finding their own strategies to help deal with big emotions, really helpful to their children. We will continue to work on becoming good emotion detectives, able to name and recognise different feelings and emotions in ourselves and others. So far this half term we have started to look at being an emotion detective, calm, worry and happiness.

Special Educational Needs (SEN):

Jennie Gregson is our SENDCo.
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Parking: Please can I again remind families of our request to not park in Arden Grove. Can this please be passed to grandparents or other people who collect and drop off but would not be aware of this. We have had some worrying and unfortunate incidents resulting from some unsafe maneuverers and dangerous parking at drop off and collection times. We have also had significant congestion, included buses unable to pass due to double parking or parking that obstructs the road. Our local police officer has been out to try to help support safe and considerate parking for both residents and families so please, please park with care.