



# FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **A few 'bits and bobs' as the end of the year approaches!**

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that this email reaches you safe and well. I write to you today to keep you up to date with a few 'bits and bobs' as we approach the end of the academic year. The weeks are flying by and it'll be the end of term before we know it - as a result, I thought I'd just highlight a few important dates and some key messages so that we are all on the same page.

### **Finish Date and Time**

The children are due to finish for the Summer holidays on Friday 16th July at 1:30pm. Our morning nursery children will finish on the same day but at 11:30am. There will be no afternoon nursery on Friday 16th July. They will finish the day before.

### **A Change to an INSET Day Scheduled for Next Year**

Earlier this year, we mapped out our term dates for the next three academic years - these are available as handy print outs on the school website: <https://florencemelly.org/parents/term-dates/>. Unfortunately, the INSET day scheduled for Friday 22nd October 2021 has been moved to Friday 24th September 2021. This is because the company we are using for some vital staff training can only commit to Friday 24th September. Just to clarify, the INSET day on Friday 22nd October 2021 has been moved to Friday 24th September 2021 - there will be no INSET day on Friday 22nd October 2021.

### **End of Year Reports**

It is our intention to send out the end of year reports on Thursday 24th June 2021 - nice and early. That is because the following week, we have planned to hold telephone consultations for any parents/carers who would like to speak to their child's class teacher to discuss the report. These will take place throughout the week beginning 28th June 2021. More details as to how you can book an appointment will be included in the report when it is sent home.

### **Social Media**

Can I just remind parents/carers that it is not appropriate to 'friend request' our staff on social media. I have been made aware of an increase in these requests recently. Our staff have strict social media guidelines to follow in line with the professional standards and conduct we must uphold as public office holders. I hope that you understand. Should you wish to contact any member of staff, please do so via the acceptable routes - for example; via email, a telephone call to the office, our school Twitter feed or a message on Class Dojo.

### **Our Parent/Carer Focus Group**

Before the half-term, our new parent/carers focus group met for the very first time. We discussed some important issues and approaches including: our new relationships education policy and approach, school

uniform and our up and coming 'Dojo Week' celebration. This group helped us shape our thinking and the discussions were very productive. I will write to all parents/carers before the end of term to update you all about the approach we will be taking to school uniform. From September, we will be clamping down on appropriate uniform and I will, in due course, let you know what this looks like. We also have plans to sell uniform from school - particular PE kits and branded tracksuits. When I have finalised these arrangements, I will write to you all.

### **End of Year 'Dojo Week'.**

We are planning an exciting 'Dojo Week' for the children to enjoy before the summer holidays. This will take place the week beginning 5th July 2021. Mr Baillie, who now leads on behaviour across the school, is organising the extravaganza, which will be a real celebration of the children's achievements. We are planning on revamping our system ready for September (we are keeping the Class Dojo system - just making a few tweaks) and Mr Baillie will write to you all to let you know about these changes. The changes mostly relate to how the children will cash their Dojos in. We haven't got this part right and hold our hands up to that, that is why we have organised a spectacular week for them to enjoy. The 'Dojo Week' will be a great way for the children to cash in their points so that we can start afresh from September. More information will follow.

### **Flo Melly Celebrates Christmas**

On Friday 2nd July, we will be holding our very own Christmas party day. We are encouraging the children to come into school in a festive t-shirt or jumper or wearing festive colours (red or green). I would like to emphasise that there is absolutely no expectation for parents/carers to buy gifts for staff on this day - that is not why we are holding the event at all. We are doing it because the children missed out in December! We want to make up for that. The day is sure to be spectacular for all - a real Flo Melly celebration!

### **Assessment Week**

Just to let you know, starting next week, the children will be undertaking a range of different assessment tasks in English and Maths. We are constantly assessing the children, each and every day, but next week may be a little more intense than usual. These tests are for our own internal purposes and will help us establish the support we need to put in place so that they children make effective progress. Should you have any concerns or questions, please contact our Assessment Lead, Miss Bear.

Thank you again for your time, support and commitment to our school - we really do appreciate it!

Take care and stay safe.



Mr Leach  
Headteacher

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