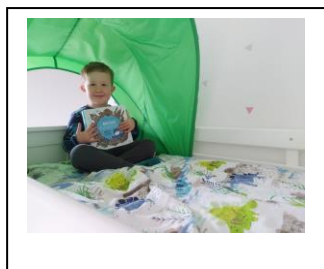
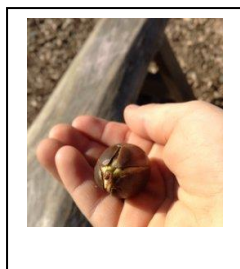




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**Newsletter No.23**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear Parents / Carers



We are delighted to welcome back all our pupils this week. School has been buzzing with children's excited voices and is beginning to feel more 'normal'. Please remember to send in work your child / children completed during home learning; we would love to see it. A huge 'thank you' to the vast majority of you who have worn masks / lanyards and arrived at the correct time to drop off / pick up your children. This really does help us to maintain the integrity of our bubbles and keep everyone safe. A reminder of school times:

**Staggered start and finish to school day:**

	KS2 entrance	KS1 entrance
8.40	Year 4	Year 1
8.50	Year 5	Year 2
9.00	Year 6	Year 3
	Reception start time will be 9.10am	
	KS2 exit	KS1 exit
3.10	Year 4	Year 1
3.20	Year 5	Year 2
3.30	Year 6	Year 3
	Reception finish will be 3.00pm	

**Playground Equipment**

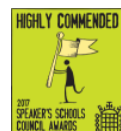
A reminder that children should not play on the play equipment on the playground or trim trails whilst you are waiting to pick up or drop off siblings. This is to ensure we do not mix bubbles.

**Parking**

Our neighbours have asked us to remind you to respect their driveways when you park outside school. Parking on the pathways, on the corners Cleve Way and across driveways is not safe and causes unnecessary stress to our neighbours.

**Social distancing**

Please can I remind you of the need to practice social distancing at all times whether on school property or waiting outside the school gates. The police have contacted us this week to say that they have received reports of breaches of the COVID regulations outside the school during drop off / pick up. They have asked us to remind you of your responsibility and have said if these violations continue, they will escalate their response.



### **Baby Zone – St Mary's Church**

Baby Zone is run by St Mary's Church, and is an opportunity for those with a baby (under one) to meet other parents and share experiences. We are permitted to continue running as a support group during lockdown and have put in extra measures to make us as covid secure as possible. We are running sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the St Mary's Room. Spaces are limited so booking is essential. If you need our support, or for further details, please email us: [Babies@stmarysbillingshurst.org](mailto:Babies@stmarysbillingshurst.org)

### **Blacklands Farm**

The deadline for deposits for the Year 6 residential to Blacklands Farm has now passed, however if you are keen for your child to go please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Currently, we do not have enough children, who have paid deposits, to make this trip viable.

### **Red Nose Day**

Next Friday is Red Nose Day and we have decided to support this charity by asking the children to wear a splash of red to school. Along with their own clothes, they may wear red socks or a red jumper or come entirely dressed in red! However, due to the current situation, we ask you not to send the children into school with a plastic red nose. We will be encouraging the children to share their favourite joke so start practicing! Donations to this charity can be made here: [Billingshurst Red Nose Day Justgiving Page](#)

### **Ukulele**

We are pleased to inform you that Year 3 ukulele lessons will resume next week:

Monday: Egypt class

Tuesday: Morocco class

Wednesday: Madagascar class

At this moment in time, children with their own ukulele will not need to bring them into school. We have enough school instruments for children to have one each and these will be thoroughly sanitised before and after each session.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

Yours sincerely,

Helen Williamson  
Headteacher

### **Letters Home This Week**

Year 6 – Hooded Sweatshirt Letter

### **Dates for Diary**

<b>Spring Term -</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
<b>Half Term -</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>Summer Term -</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021
<b>Half Term -</b>	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
<b>INSET Day -</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021

