

### Timings of School Day:

Primary 8:40am - 2:15pm

Secondary 8:40am—2:10pm



Mo Mowlam  
Academy

**“AIM HIGH AND THRIVE”**

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### Newsletter — Summer HT 2 2020

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to say thank you to all of our families, students and staff for your continued support over what have been a very strange few months! It is at the most difficult times we see what real team work looks like, and it has been wonderful to see the ways in which parents have supported those children who have opted to stay at home, keeping in regular contact with school. Our staff have also gone above and beyond making calls and home visits throughout, including over the school holidays. Everyone will benefit from a well deserved rest over the summer holidays! Stay safe everyone!



#### **Covid Update:**

If you or anyone in your household tests positive for Covid 19 over the summer holidays, please let school know by e mail; momowlam@horizonstrust.org.uk

#### **September:**

Following government advice, we have completed our risk assessment for September. We plan to bring all students in full time, with our usual day 8:40-2:15.

We will operate as 3 'bubbles'; Amethyst and Sapphire; Topaz, Pearl, Jasper and Opal; Aquamarine, Ruby and Emerald. There will be limited movement of staff between the bubbles. We will continue with the high standards of hygiene currently in place. We have issued our 'bubbles' to transport, who are making arrangements to keep the students in their consistent bubbles. This may require some "double drop offs", so we are having a flexible 8:40-9:00am start and 2:00-2:15pm finish. Transport will be in touch with individual families if your arrangements are affected. We will continue to offer packed lunches only, with the addition of salads and baked potatoes. This arrangement will be reviewed in September. If you are not entitled to free school meals, please send your child with an appropriate packed lunch, or you can purchase one from school for £2.05 for primary students and £2.20 for secondary students. If your circumstances have changed and you believe you are now entitled to free school meals please submit an application directly to Stockton Borough Council either by phone (01642 526605) or via their website: ([www.stockton.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/fsm)).

Some parents have discussed concerns about their child returning. We are happy to work with families to help all students return safely, and will support part timetables where necessary. If you have any concerns, please discuss with a member of staff.

#### **New Staff:**

We are pleased to welcome a new member of staff in September. Ms Wells will be working in Ruby class as a teaching assistant.

#### **Student details:**

As you are aware, the government track and trace system is in place, but relies heavily on accurate contact details. It is imperative that we hold up to date details for your children, as well as appropriate consent forms for local trips. We have attached a pack of forms - please complete and return to school as soon as possible, particularly if you need to let us know you DO NOT consent for certain trips / photographs.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

- We break up for the Summer holidays on Friday 17th July 2020 and pupils return to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2020.
- School closes for October half term for one week on Friday 23rd October 2020 and pupils return on Monday 3rd November 2020.
- The Christmas holidays begin on Monday 21st December 2020 for two weeks with pupil returning on Monday 4th January 2021.



### OTHER EVENTS:

- School will be closed to pupils on the following dates due to PD Days:  
  
- Tuesday 1st September 2020

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would like to thank all parents/carers for their continued support with school uniform. We now have the majority of pupils wearing uniform every day. Please remember that if you would like to order any extra items of uniform for your child then please just give the school office a call.

Our uniform comprises of:

- Light blue Polo Shirt or Short-Sleeved Shirt
- Navy Blue Sweatshirt or Cardigan or Blazer
- Grey School Trousers / Skirt
- Navy Blue Tie
- Black School Shoes



## ATTENDANCE



Thank you to all parents/carers who support the school by ensuring good attendance.

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be absent please call the school office on 01642 779292 and select option 1.

## DINNER MONEY

Just a reminder that school dinner money needs to be paid to the school office promptly. Primary Pupil Meals are £2.05 per day. Secondary Pupil Meals are £2.20 per day.



## HOME LEARNING

Throughout these unusual last few months, Miss Williams has been making home visits delivering certificates and chocolate treats for the students who worked hard at home completing school work. Here a couple of the lucky winners—well done boys!!

## ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL

The children have completed lots of different and fun activities in school over the past few weeks. Here are a few of the things they have been up to:

The students completed a craft challenge. They had to create protection for a hard boiled egg when being dropped from a high height. All students had great ideas. Nina's and Stuart's egg survived with no cracks well done to them!



The students wondered "How do you get a raisin to dance?" The answer is: "Add lemonade!!!"

They worked enthusiastically in the activity and all enjoyed watching the results.

The students also had a busy day baking and making cookies. They were so engrossed that they even did their own tidying and drying up!!!



The children took part in a milk experiment and watched as the washing up liquid connected with the milk protein to make wonderful patterns.

The students took part in a picture quiz and a general knowledge quiz, working in teams to win prizes.



**The results were: Winner—Harley Quinn Team; 2nd: Single Warriar; 3rd: Chocolate Frog**

The students in Ruby class also really enjoyed making Lava Lamps in their art lessons.

