



AFNORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

British Section

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10 May 2024

WANTED SHORTS, LEGGINGS & TROUSERS



We are in need of trousers/shorts/leggings, in any size, for our spare clothing supply in the office. If you have any to donate, please drop them into the office. Thank You

Dear Parents,

It has been very nice to see blue skies and some sunshine this week...let's hope it's here to stay!

Well done to William who did an outstanding job reciting "Flanders Fields" at the British Cemetery in Brunssum last Saturday. He delivered the poem with great respect and composure. It was also wonderful to see our Welpen at the ceremony who all waited patiently for such a long time in the rain. Well Done!



Next week Year 6 have their SATs tests, so to all those who will be taking their tests we would like to say a huge well done for all of your hard work and the incredible progress you have made this year. Remember you have so much inside your brains ... now you get a chance to show of all your knowledge.

SEESAW We will be moving to a new communication system next school year therefore our subscription with Seesaw will come to an end on May 24th. After this date in classrooms where Seesaw is currently in use all communications will be via email for the remainder of this school year.

Thank you to our PTO and all the parents who contributed to the special lunch for Teacher Appreciation Day...it was really delicious.

Have a lovely weekend and to all our Magnificent Mums...

Happy Mother's Day



For more beautiful art please see the Year 2 page

May

- 13-16 Y6 National Assessments
- 14 Class Reps Meeting
- 14 Sunbeams Reception Trip
- 20 SCHOOL CLOSED
- 23 Movie Night (Year 4-6)
- 31 Year 2, Year 3 Trips

June

- 4 Year 4/5 Trip
- 6 JFC Library Visit to share Summer Reading programme
- 7 Year 1 Trip (NEW DATE)**
- 17 Storyteller Niall de Burca
- 20 End of Year BBQ
- 20 UK Ambassador to the Netherlands Visit
- 21 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Attendance This Week

Whole School	95%
Reception	93%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	95%
Year 4-5	95%
Year 6	95%



Bucket Fillers



Olivia, Oskar, Alice, Nora, Maria, Joshua, Primrose, Agatka, Mariateresa, Lilla, Logan, Maria Sofia, Oscar, Poyraz, Ella, Fernando, Freya, Viki

**Buy 3 books, get 1
FREE!!**

**LAST
BOOK
SALE!!**

**Wednesday, 15 May
09:00 - 14:00**



AFNORTH MOVIE NIGHT

FEATURING:

THE LORAX

Grade 3-5

Year 4-6

Thursday May 23rd

AFNORTH Cafeteria

Doors Open at 5:45pm

Movie at 6:00pm

You must sign up using the following link by

<https://forms.gle/jxqdSGy87u66S6N2A>

Snacks can be purchased Cost €3

You may wear your pjs, bring a pillow, a blanket and a
stuffy.

Thank you Student Council

From Our Librarian, Mr Berlin



Ask your Library Information Specialists

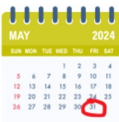
We've got answers ...

library@afnorth-is.com

When are my books due back?

Yes, we are approaching that time of the year when all books must be returned to the library. Over the next 3 weeks, we will reduce the maximum number of books that may be checked out in order to help the transition of books being brought back. For example, if your child already has 3+ books out, they must bring some back to get new books. Ultimately, we must have all library books returned **no later than Friday, 31 May** prior to the start of building renovations. Your support and consideration are most appreciated!

31 MAY - FACILITIES CLOSE



6-10 MAY 3 BOOKS CHECKED OUT

13-17 MAY 2 BOOKS CHECKED OUT

20-24 MAY 1 BOOK CHECKED OUT

27-31 MAY ALL BOOKS RETURNED

Search our catalog, databases, and eBooks using Destiny Discover...
<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/84574>



AFNORTH Elementary Library Information Center Services

Circulation services such as Check-in and Check-out are available daily from 8:40-3:45. Small groups (2-3 students) may come any time to return books and shop for new ones at their teacher's discretion.



Student-centered services

Find Texts

Locate Print & eBooks, Catalog Searches, Dewey System, Library Organization

Guide Research

Database Use, Evaluating Sources, Asking Questions, Note-taking, Filling in Graphic Organizers, Citations, Copyright, Plagiarism

Reinforce Instruction

Teach, Co-teach & Assess Lessons; Deep-dives into Subjects

Promote Reading

Read Alouds, Selecting "Good Fit" Books, Promote New & Popular Titles, Book Reviews, Reading Initiatives

Provide Workspaces

Research, Book Buddies, Presentations, Student Collaboration, Display Student Works

Educator support

Find Texts

Specific Books, Authors, Thematic Units, eBooks, Articles, Magazines, Images

Demonstrate Technology Resources

Destiny Discover, MackinVia, Gale, Britannica, eBooks, collections, etc.

Assist With Planning and Content Development

CCRS correlations, Daily 5 integration, Collaborative Planning & Instruction

Copy and Enlargement

Poster Prints Up To 36 Inches Wide

Need something else? Just ask!

library@afnorth-is.com



FLEA MARKET & SECOND HAND CLOTHES

SA, 01/06/2024
9:30 - 13:30h



INFORMATION

When? Saturday 1st of June 2024 09:30a.m - 13:30p.m

Where? AFNORTH International School / Cafeteria
 Ferdinand Bolstraat 1 | NL-6445 EE Brunssum

What? >> **Flea Market: CASH ONLY**
 Sale of Toys, books, board games, ...
 more information in the info sheet "flea market"

>> **Clothes Sale: Cashless payment available**
 Sale of baby, children's and teenage clothing & shoes,
 Strollers, bicycles, sporting goods, Child seats

>> **Cake buffet: CASH ONLY**
 Organized by the Canadian-German student council

For more info & registration scan here



If you would like to help scan here



AFNORTH International School

HELP THE PTA CELEBRATE AFNORTH'S GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024

SPONSOR A SENIOR

Examples of what will be in each reusable tote.



Sponsorship money can be turned into the US MHS Office or directly deposited into the PTA account. Please indicate "Sponsor A Senior" in the memo. AFNORTH INTL MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL PTA DE20501109000015506746

Person/Organization Name: _____

Number of Seniors sponsoring: _____ Please submit sponsorship by May 23rd

Total Amount: _____ Thank you!

Any additional sponsorship money collected will go directly to supporting the Class of 2024

Information for the closure of Sodexo accounts for families that are leaving

Information about the Sodexo lunch account procedures and the steps to close the Sodexo lunch account can be found here:

<https://afnorth-is.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/4090.008-Pro-Sodexo-lunch-Account-2024.02.01.pdf>

The families that remain at AIS will be able to use their lunch account next SY, they do not need to re-register.

Sunbeams

This week in Sunbeams we have had a big focus on building some skills in preparation for our next phase of school. Many of our Super Sunbeams will be moving to Reception class or equivalent in the Autumn term so we decided to fine tune some of our skills!

We've been working on our mark making, forming shapes that link to the basics of letter formation. We looked carefully at our daily morning challenge of writing our name, thinking carefully about how we hold our pen, where we start to write making sure we're sat comfortably before we begin. Finally we have been looking at rhyme and starting to tune in to what sounds the same and what doesn't as we gear up to understand the different sounds that make sounds and words. Whilst we may still be Sunbeams we always have our eye on what is coming next and make sure we are prepared in our own special way!



Reception

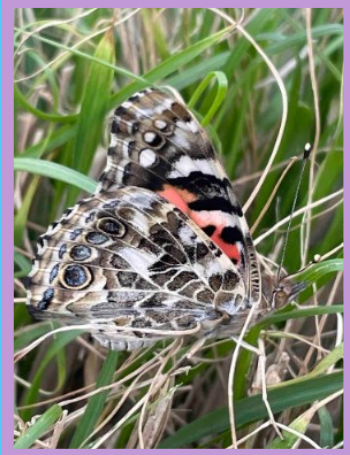
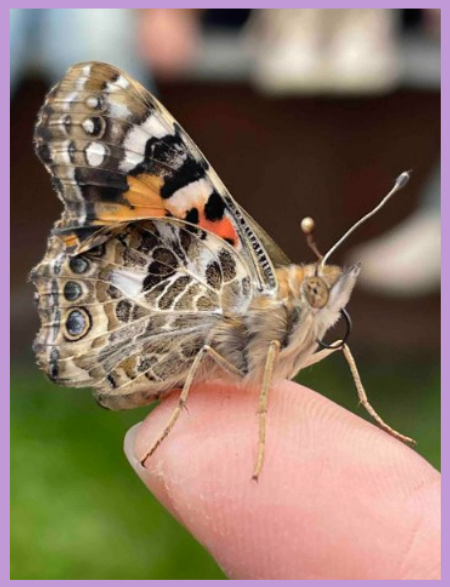
Developing interests outdoors: Reception Class children can develop their own interests and fascinations outdoors every day, that evolve over time. Over the past two weeks, children have made a series of rope obstacle courses and found they could pull themselves along on body boards. Some children have been making habitats and food for toy animals - the recipes have been increasingly complex. Some children have designed complicated water transport systems out of pipes.



Year 1

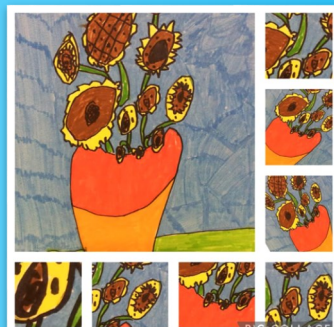
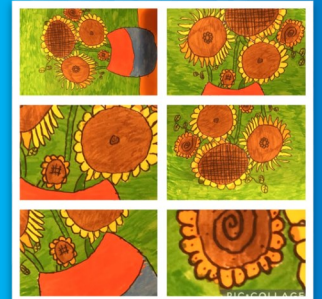
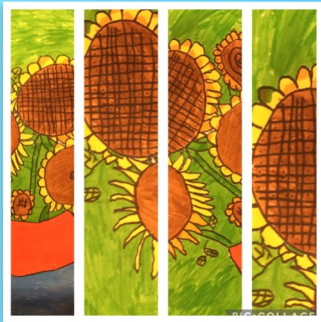
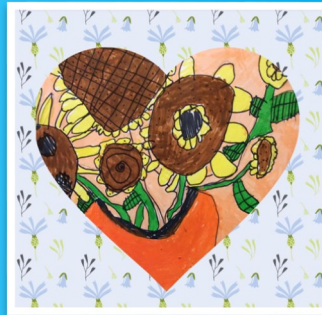
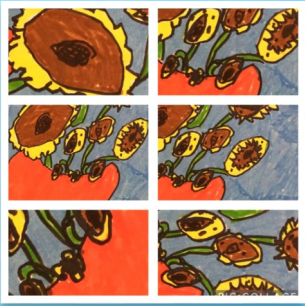
This week Year 1 have loved following the caterpillars closely as they each emerged from their chrysalis. Each of the five butterflies showed us their beautiful symmetrical wings. The children enjoyed creating their own symmetrical butterflies with paint. On Wednesday we took the butterflies to the butterfly garden to set them free. It was wonderful to see them fly away.

In maths we have been finding out about a quarter. We have been finding a quartet of a shape or object and begun exploring finding a quarter of an amount.



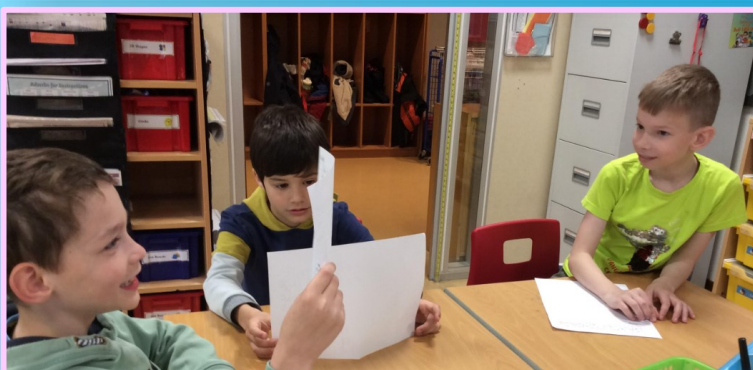
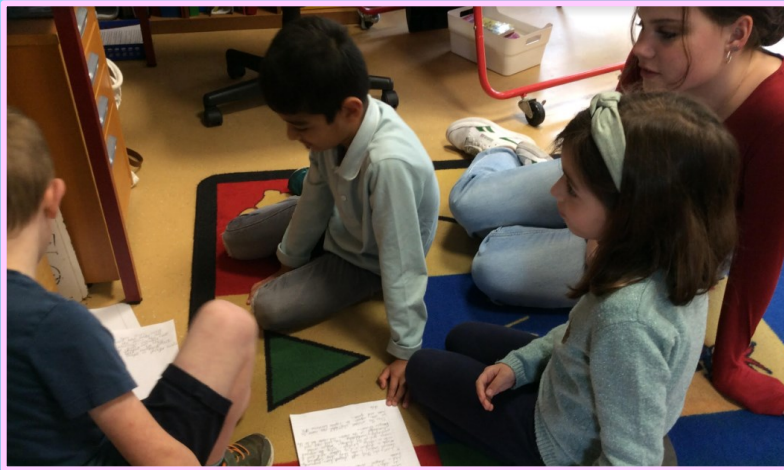
Year 2

This week year 2 went on to use their art work in a computing activity. We used an app called "pic collage" to create a new piece of art using our Van Gogh Sunflowers. The children loved this and their creativity shone through in a different way using technology to create a brand new piece of artwork. We love the outcome!



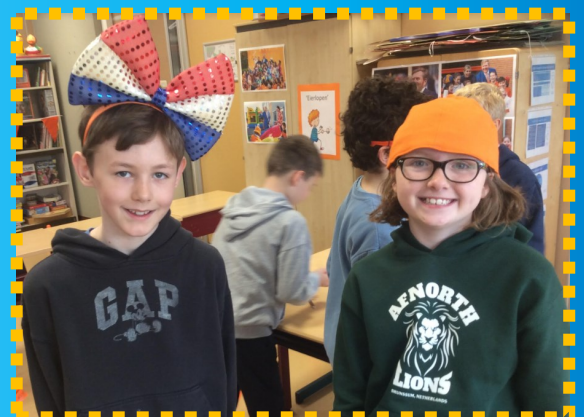
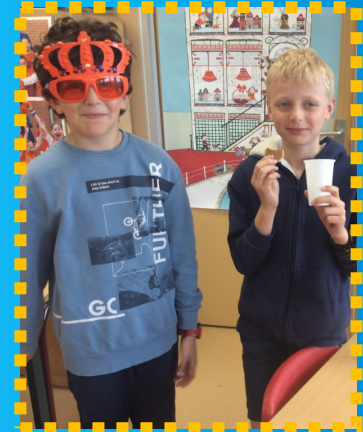
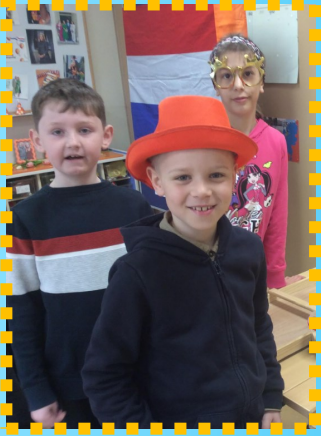
Year 3

We started the week by sharing our folk tales we have written! This week we have moved on to thinking about the cities of London and Amsterdam, and how they are different, looking at the different types of transport used. We have also been looking at posters to persuade people to come and visit the cities, we have had a go at trying to write captions to entice you to visit the city. In Maths we have been learning about angles (acute and obtuse) and measuring and drawing accurately with a ruler, which has proved to be quite tricky! We have been learning about a poem called the "Magic London Bus" and have been trying to act out the verses.



Year 4-5

" King's Day games were really fun in Host Nation! We were in groups and played some typical Dutch games. We could also dress up in colourful headwear and accessories too! My favourite game (Michal) was shuffleboard. You had to slide giant wooden counters into a hole. It was really hard because you had to get the right speed and angle. I (James) liked the balloon conga- it was challenging but fun! In Forest School, we learned how to make a fire. We used flint and steel to light the cotton pad and then added sticks to get a bigger flame. It was nice and warm - we're looking forward to melted marshmallows next time! " **Reported by Michal and James**



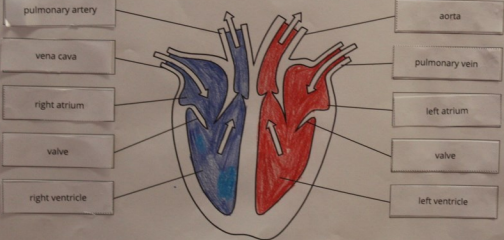
Year 6

Last week it was aspiring lawyers, this week it has been aspiring heart surgeons in Year 6. After the previous few sessions in science where we have learned about parts of the heart and their function, we created models of hearts to deepen our understanding. We used bottles/cups of red coloured water, balloons and straws to try and show this! We were amazed at how effective these were at pumping the 'blood'. One or two of the hearts required some heart surgery to help repair them - to varying degrees of success. We had to be able to describe what each part of the model actually represented, and then explain its function. As you can see from the photographs, this was a fun yet educational session!



Heart Cut and Stick

parts of the heart in the diagram below.



Host Nation news

May 2024

On Saturday April 27, the Netherlands celebrated King Willem-Alexander's birthday on 'Koningsdag', King's Day.



What many people don't know is that elementary schools in the Netherlands hold the King's Day Games on the Friday before King's Day. In the Host Nation classroom, we held this with 24 different classes over the past week.

Enjoy the pictures on the next pages!



Kind regards,

Ms. Gina Lavere (Tue) and Ms. Dyon Damen (Thu-Fri-Mon)
Host Nation Teachers



British classes in Host Nation



Bucket Fillers



Linked to the book "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" by Carol McCloud our Bucket Filler Award recognises positive behaviours e.g. kindness, respect, responsibility, resilience as well as hard work and achievement.

Everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds our good thoughts and feelings. When our buckets are full, we feel happy and when our buckets are empty, we feel sad.

Our actions and words can either fill a bucket or dip into it. We fill buckets when we do and say things that are kind, considerate, caring, and respectful. But if we are inconsiderate or disrespectful, we dip into buckets and remove those good feelings.

[Click here for the story.](#)



LUNCH

Please note the price for lunch is €3.75



Week 20 13-05 t/m 17-05-2024

MONDAY

Korean Rice, Spring Roll or Omelet	1, 2, 3, 4
Spring Roll or Omelet	1, 2, 3, 4
Korean Rice	
Hot Sauce	3

TUESDAY

Pasta, Tomato-Zucchini Sauce	3, 4
Bolognese Sauce	3, 10
Pasta	3

WEDNESDAY

Veggie Balls, Potato Gratin, Mixed Vegetables	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Chicken Filet	3, 6
Potato Gratin	1, 2
Mixed Vegetables	9

THURSDAY

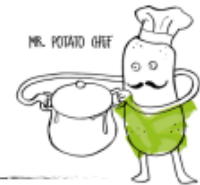
Veggie Roll, Potato & Vegetable Mix	1, 2, 3, 9
Beef Pie	1, 2, 3, 10
Potato & Vegetable Mix	3, 9
Mustard Sauce with Thyme	3

FRIDAY

Veggie Sausage, Fries, Carrots	1, 2, 3, 4, 8
Fish Filet or Hot Dog Sausage	2, 3, 5, 7
Fries	
Carrots	
Tartar Sauce	2, 3

LISTED PRODUCTS AND DISHES CAN CONTAIN TRACES OF ALLERGENS.

- 1 = milk
- 2 = egg
- 3 = gluten
- 4 = soy
- 5 = pork
- 6 = chicken
- 7 = fish
- 8 = sesame
- 9 = peas
- 10 = beef



All meals are nut free



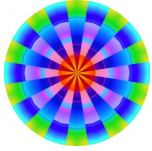
Looking for suggestions for your child's lunchbox...

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>



Attendance

It is really important that we work together to do all we can to prioritise children's attendance at school so that they can enjoy their learning and socialising with their peers. The profile of attendance is a key priority for schools and as school has returned to normal following Covid restrictions we have been instructed to adhere strictly to school policy.



Our attendance target is 96%. To achieve this a child should have less than 7 days absence across the school year. Our current whole school attendance is 95.42%.

Reporting Absence

Unplanned Absence e.g. your child is unable to attend due to ill health

Parents must notify the school on the first day of an unplanned absence by 0900 or as soon as practically possible. Parents should email british.office@afnorth-is.com or call 045 5278241 to report an unplanned absence. Absence due to illness will be authorised unless the school has a genuine concern about the authenticity of the illness. If the authenticity of the illness is in doubt, the school may ask parents to provide medical evidence, such as a doctor's note, appointment card or other appropriate form of evidence.

Leave in Term Time

We recognise the challenges our parents face when living overseas. However, regular attendance at school is vital in helping children to achieve their full potential and get the best possible start in life.

Authorised and Unauthorised Absence

Headteachers may not grant leave of absence to pupils during term time unless they consider there to be 'exceptional circumstances'. Examples of 'exceptional circumstances' include:

- a. bereavement or serious illness of relatives.
- b. medical needs where treatment is required in the Home Country.
- c. where delivery of the Defence Mission by service parents employed in specific roles impacts on the ability to observe standard leave patterns.

The school considers each application for term-time absence individually, taking into account the specific facts, circumstances, current attendance figure, and relevant context behind the request. The headteacher may choose to discuss a request with their local Assistant Chief Education Officer (ACEO); however, a leave of absence is granted entirely at the headteacher's discretion.

Valid reasons for authorised absence include:

- a. Illness and medical/dental appointments.
- b. Religious observance – where the day is exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the pupil's parents belong.
- c. Post Operational Leave.

REMINDERS

Parent Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Reception -Year6

School Day 0900-1530

Drop off from 0845.

Please note there is no supervision prior to this time.

Pick Up at Main Gate

Reception/Year 1 1525 Year 2-6 1530



NO NUTS

We have a number of children with a nut allergy and we therefore ask for no nuts or products containing nuts to be brought into the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

WATER BOTTLES



Children are encouraged to bring a filled water bottle to school every day and to keep hydrated during lessons. The children have access to chilled water fountains to top up their bottles. Children should take their bottle home each night to be washed. Cans and bottles of carbonated drinks, including energy drinks, are not permitted in school.

END OF THE DAY CHANGES

If you are making changes to your child's routine e.g. Parent Pick Up rather than the bus we request that these changes are sent via email to:

TO: british.office@afnorth-is.com

CC: class teacher

CC: firstname.lastname@afnorth-is.com (teacher)

These changes should be made before 1000

Sunbeams

Session 0900-1200

Drop off from 0855 Pick up at 1200

Location for Drop Off and Pick Up is at the Flagpoles.

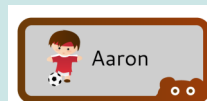
During periods of inclement weather please wait inside the main entrance (in the well area under the stairs or when this area is in use please wait outside the British Office). Staff will collect/deliver the children to you. There is no need to sign in

EDC Pick Up 1500 or 1525-Children will be brought to the gate.

Times and locations are related to supervision and to avoid congestion outside of Sunbeams.

LABEL LABEL LABEL

Please assist us in preventing items being lost or misplaced by labelling your child's belongings e.g. items of clothing, footwear, bags, packed lunch boxes/containers. Please also impress on your child that they should take responsibility for their own items.



PE SHOES (Y2-Y6)

Please ensure your child has a separate pair of shoes for PE/Gym lessons with Coach Guest. Shoes should have non-marking soles.



PERSONAL ITEMS

Children should NOT be bringing anything to school other than essential items or requested by the teacher to support their learning. Please ensure unnecessary items do not slip into bags e.g. toys, pokemon cards.

AFNORTH Calendar 2023-2024

Autumn Term

August 21 School Opens

September 6 1400 Dismissal

September 18 STAFF DAY-NO SCHOOL for Children

October 23 to October 27 SCHOOL CLOSED

October 30 School Opens

November 1-2 1230 Dismissals (Parent Conferences)

November 29 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

December 22-January 5 SCHOOL CLOSED

Spring Term

January 8 School Opens

January 24 1400 Dismissal

January 29 STAFF DAY-NO SCHOOL for Children

February 12-February 16 SCHOOL CLOSED

February 19 School Opens

March 25-April 5 SCHOOL CLOSED

Summer Term

April 8 School Opens

April 17 1400 Dismissal

May 9 STAFF DAY NO SCHOOL for Children

May 20 SCHOOL CLOSED

June 21 LAST DAY 1230 Dismissal