



## PLATT BRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL | MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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### Executive Headteachers May Half Term Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. I am very proud of the way our pupils and staff are continuing to conduct themselves as we approach the final part of this academic year, in what has been a testing time for everybody.

Safety measures continue to operate in school. Like the rest of the country we are cautiously optimistic that we will continue to safely move towards normality in routines for families and staff.

Please continue to maintain social distancing and wear masks when accessing the school grounds.

Face coverings will still be worn by staff and visitors in situations where social distancing is not possible (for example, in corridors and communal areas, such as reception.) The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, families or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. We are, as always, very grateful for our school community's support with the regulations.

Preparations for September 2021 are underway and information for the new reception intake will be shared with parents and carers in June for those pupils who will be joining our Reception classes in September 2021.

School closes on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 for half term and reopens at 8:55am (or 7:30am for breakfast club) on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

I would like to wish you and your families a happy and safe half term holiday. Thank you to all our families for working with us during school closures. Your help has made our community safer. To contact a member from our Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs or Inclusion team during the closure period please [click here](#).

Best wishes,

Sue Darbyshire  
Chief Executive Officer | National Leader of Education | Executive Headteacher



🏆 Well done Miss Cotter and Miss Hicks for organising a Sunday League game with the Y5 pupils on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 ⚽

### # Team Platt Bridge Community School

The children absolutely loved it and it was such a great experience for them to be a part of WELL DONE! ❤️



Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 pupils

There will be a leaving party for our Year 6 pupils on Monday 19th July 2021 (5pm to 7pm) Between now and the day of the party, we will ensure everything is set for Year 6 to have a superb time at their last party at Platt Bridge Community School!! More details to follow



### Our New Virtual Reality (VR) Headsets have arrived!

Pupils across school have begun using our new VR headsets. The headsets assist our teachers in delivering a fully immersive VR experience through a controlled Teacher Portal. They are designed for pupils of all ages.

So far pupils have explored the inside of a volcano and even saw an eruption. They have also visited places like China and New York. So much enjoyment and many 'Wow Moments!' have been had!



Be sure to ask your child what engaging VR curriculum content they have experienced with these new headsets.



### OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT – NOW INSTALLED



▶ Our new Outdoor Gym has been installed and is now operational. The fitness equipment boasts both fun and practicality when it comes to promoting exercise amongst KS1 and KS2 children and will be used by our pupils during break and lunch periods and also during PE sessions.



## SCHOOL SNACK

Please check your ParentPay account and pay any remaining snack charges for the Easter to May half term by 31st May 2021.

For pupils in Y1 to Y6, snack orders will continue after the half term break unless any payments are outstanding and we will unfortunately be unable to provide further snack. If you would like to change your child's snack order or make a new order please contact the school office on 01942 487999 or email [finance@cfat.org.uk](mailto:finance@cfat.org.uk).

Snack and refreshments will continue to be provided throughout the day for ALL children in Nursery and Reception.

The snack charges for the next half term will be £12.00. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Community Library remains open during the May Half Term Holiday

Monday - Wednesday: 10am - 2pm

Thursday - Friday: 1pm - 5pm

Saturday - Sunday: Closed

Shelia and the team look forward to welcoming you!

#### Facilities

- ✓ Wi-Fi
- ✓ 7 public computers
- ✓ Part of the Platt Bridge Community First site
- ✓ Free parking
- ✓ Separate children's section available outside of school hours
- ✓ Dedicated health section in library

Just a reminder that Platt Bridge Community School is registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise **FREE** donations for school every time you shop online. Just sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. All you have to do is find the retailer you want to shop with on the easyfundraising website or App, shop as usual and the retailer will donate to us when you make a purchase – at no extra cost to you!

These donations really mount up and make a **BIG** difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could support us by using easyfundraising. It's completely **FREE** and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/plattbridges>

Thank you so much!

4,300 online sites will give us a free donation when you shop with them - at no extra cost to you!



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**Super Fun Whole Family Summer Activities**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Community First Academy Trust  
www.cfat.org.uk

Platt Bridge Community School  
& Start Well Family Centre  
PRESENT:

**SUMMER HOLIDAY  
COMMUNITY FUNDAY**

**Wednesday 25th August 2021**  
Platt Bridge Community School

Outdoor Games, Fairground Rides, Face Painting, Carnival Games,  
Family Fun Beach Games, Interactive Games  
and many more exciting activities...!!!

\* refreshments and food items will also be available and on sale \*

**OPENING TIMES 11 am to 2 pm**

For more info: 01942 487999 | Visit us: [www.plattbridge.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.plattbridge.wigan.sch.uk)



### Platt Bridge Community School Foodbank

As you are aware we operate a discrete foodbank for any member of our community who needs help. If you need help with a food parcel please speak to one of our pastoral staff who will be more than pleased to help you.

### Up to date Contact Information



As there may be occasions when the school needs to contact parents or carers during the school day, it is vital that you inform school immediately if there are any changes to emergency contact details or home telephone/mobile numbers. Please kindly keep school updated of any change via email to [enquiries@plattbridge.cfat.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@plattbridge.cfat.org.uk).

## May Half Term Activities for Children

You needn't be stuck for ideas to keep the children entertained.... Try our Sports Day Crossword...



## May Bank / Half Term Holiday Mindful Colouring

Mindfulness means slowing down and taking a breath to pause and really notice what you are doing and collecting your thoughts together. It will take your full concentration to really be mindful, you have to relax and take your time with a certain task, whether that's just taking a few seconds to control your breath. Being mindful means doing the opposite of multi-tasking or rushing, it's all about focusing on one thing at a time and feeling calm and collected whilst doing it.

To become mindful, it's important to remember that it will take a lot of practice to become better each time. This is because mindfulness involves training the mind, which can't be done overnight. The more your practice, the better you get.

A great way to practise mindfulness is to complete a number of exercises, which can help when you're stressed, have something difficult to do or when you have to focus your attention. Eventually, after practising mindfulness regularly, it will become natural in your everyday life.







## Useful contacts and online resources

Here's a list of signposted providers that can offer counselling, coaching and other support that may help improve your overall wellbeing. For more details <https://www.plattbridge.wigan.sch.uk/parents/support-services-for-pupils-and-families>

### Stress & Anxiety

Mind [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

Childline [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

The Stress Management Society [www.stress.org.uk](http://www.stress.org.uk)

The Big White Wall Support  
Network [www.bigwhitewall.com](http://www.bigwhitewall.com)

NHS [www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression)

Mental Health Matters [www.mentalhealthmatters.com](http://www.mentalhealthmatters.com)

24 hour helpline 0800 1070160

### Work / Life Balance

NHS Live Well – Work Place  
Health [www.nhs.uk/livewell/workplacehealth](http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/workplacehealth)

Mental Health Foundation [www.mentalhealth.org.uk/a-to-z/w/work-life-balance](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/a-to-z/w/work-life-balance)

Cycle Scheme [www.cyclescheme.co.uk](http://www.cyclescheme.co.uk)

### Your Body

NHS One Your Campaign [www.nhs.uk/oneyou](http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou)

British Heart Foundation [www.bhf.org.uk](http://www.bhf.org.uk)

### Exercise

NHS Live Well – Get Started [www.nhs.uk/livewell/getting-started-guides](http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/getting-started-guides)

The Girl Can – Sport England [www.thegirlcan.co.uk](http://www.thegirlcan.co.uk)

Living Streets [www.livingstreets.org.uk](http://www.livingstreets.org.uk)

Swimming ASA [www.swimming.org/asa](http://www.swimming.org/asa)

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy [www.csp.org.uk/your-health/exercise-advice-all-ages-fitness](http://www.csp.org.uk/your-health/exercise-advice-all-ages-fitness)

### Home Life

Reiate [www.relate.org.uk](http://www.relate.org.uk)

Samaritans [www.samaritians.org](http://www.samaritians.org)

Notational Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Barnardo's [www.barnardos.org.uk](http://www.barnardos.org.uk)

Childline [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) 08001111

### Smoking

NHS Live Well [www.nhs.uk/livewell/smoking](http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/smoking)

NHS Smokefree [www.smokefree.nhs.uk](http://www.smokefree.nhs.uk)

**Worried about a child?** <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Health-Social-Care/Children-and-young-people/Child-protection/Child-protection.aspx>

