



PLATT BRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL | JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Executive Headteacher's End of Year Message

Dear Children, Parents and Carers at Platt Bridge Community School,

As we end our year, staff have been reflecting together on our successes and celebrations as a school and community.

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect back and recognise the dedication of **ALL** staff during these challenging months. It has been an incredibly difficult and mentally exhausting year again, for everyone, whether we have been in school or working from home. I am sure we have all taken something positive from the pandemic and have made some lifestyle changes which we want to keep.

Thank you to our parents and community for all your support during this academic year and in recent months. We understand the enormous responsibility and challenges that Remote Learning placed on parents, carers, and pupils as you had to create time, space, routine, and support for learning at home. I also thank staff for all they have done in keeping the school open every day and their commitment in ensuring all pupils were able to continue with their education when circumstances meant that they have had to stay at home.

I wish you and your families a happy and safe Summer holiday. Thank you to all our families for working with us during any school closures. Your help and support has made our community safer.

We are proud of the achievements of our Year 6 children and know that we send them on to their new high schools having had some wonderful, memorable learning experiences, with strong basic skills.

Thank you once again for working with us to ensure our pupils are safe and happy and encouraged to **Promote Belief that Creates Success** as they work towards their goals and ambitions.

To contact a member from our Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs or Inclusion team during the closure period please [click here](#).

There are several weeks until the next academic year, if anything changes in relation to Government advice during this time, you will of course be notified via Class Dojo.

Best wishes,

Sue Darbyshire

Chief Executive Officer | National Leader of Education | Executive Headteacher



Key Date Reminder

School closes on Wednesday 21st July 2021 for the summer holidays and reopens at 8:55am (or 7:30am for breakfast club) on Monday 6th September 2021.

#RediscoverSummer

[Click Here](#) to use gov.uk's guide to plan ways you can safely rediscover summer with your family.



This year our school has undertaken some fantastic charitable fundraising initiatives such as:

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day raising **£275.48**

Children in Need raising **£378.12**

Macmillan Coffee Morning raising **£104.63**

Poppy Appeal and Red Nose Day raising **£464.14**

Thank you for all your contributions and support to these amazing causes.



23rd June 2021 was National Thank a Teacher Day and we received a very special mention.

We took the moment to thank all of our parents, carers and community for the amazing support you provide our school each day and say a big special thank you to all our amazing teachers and support staff for the fantastic and incredible work that they do not just on special days, this year, last year and for many years to come.

[Click Here](#) to see the video if you haven't already done so.



Our Summer themed 'Day at the Seaside' fun day was amazing. The children had a lovely time on the fairground rides, exploring in the rock pool amongst other activities and finished the day off with an ice cream.

Rock pools are natural aquariums left behind by the sea's tide, full of mystery and extraordinary findings. Pupils thrived at the experience and learning more about marine sea life.

We hope your children talked to you about how more than a third of ocean mammals and nearly a third of corals are in danger of extinction, and more than half of all marine life may disappear by 2100.



May we take this opportunity to say goodbye to our Year 6 Class of 2021 and wish them well for the future.

We hope pupils enjoyed their Hawaiian themed beach party. Thank you to Miss Newton and Miss Cameron for organising such a great party and evening.

SCHOOL SNACK & SWIMMING

Please check your ParentPay account and pay any remaining snack charges and swimming charges before the end of Summer Term.

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

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

DINNER MONEY

Please make sure that you pay any outstanding dinner money balances before the end of term. It is important that these balances are cleared.

You can view current account balances by accessing your SchoolGrid account - Clicking Money - Cash and then changing the first advanced filter box to 'food'.

You can pay any arrears by logging onto your child's SchoolGrid account or by calling Customer Care (option 1) on 01942 707709.

If you think are in credit and due a refund, please call Customer Care or email customer care@dolce.co.uk

CHANGE TO SCHOOL MEALS SERVICE (from September 2021)

From September 2021 the school meals service will be provided by our in-house catering team.

A leaflet has been sent home for parents to explain about the changes. The main change for parents is that meals will need to be ordered through ParentPay instead of SchoolGrid. If you don't currently have a ParentPay account, please contact the school office for login details. The menu will be available on ParentPay for you to select your child's meal and a copy available on the school website.

Although all children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Free School Meal Grant, if you are entitled to benefits, you must still register in order for the school to receive Pupil Premium Funding. We would be grateful if you could do this immediately and if you need any help, we are happy to support you with this process. The school uses pupil premium funding to fund various activities and resources for your child throughout the year. If you need any assistance regarding this or have any questions, please call in at the Main Reception Desk to speak to us.

Children who are moving from Year 2 to Year 3 are no longer eligible to receive Universal Free School Meals. If you are entitled to benefits, you must make sure that you register in order for your child to continue to receive free school meals.

For pupils who are in Year 3 to Year 6, the cost of a school meal will remain at £2.15 per day, i.e. £10.75 per week.

Just a reminder that Platt Bridge Community School is registered with easy fundraising, which means you can raise **FREE** donations for school every time you shop online. Just sign up and remember to use easy fundraising whenever you shop online. All you have to do is find the retailer you want to shop with on the easy fundraising 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 easy fundraising. It's completely **FREE** and only takes a moment.

You can find our easy fundraising 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!



Download the easyfundraising App




'Shine Time' Launching Sept 2021 and will take place on Friday afternoon for all children from September. During Shine Time there will be an opportunity to trade-in points that have been earned in exchange for prizes, activities and experiences.

More details to follow

Community Library remains open during the Summer 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



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.

Summer Activities for Children

You needn't be stuck for ideas to keep the children entertained....

Try our Summer Word search and Spot the Difference....



SUMMER

WORD SEARCH



Search for the twelve Summer themed words below.



BARBECUE

LEMONADE

SUNSCREEN

BEACH

POOL

SWIMMING

FLIP FLOPS

SUMMER

VACATION

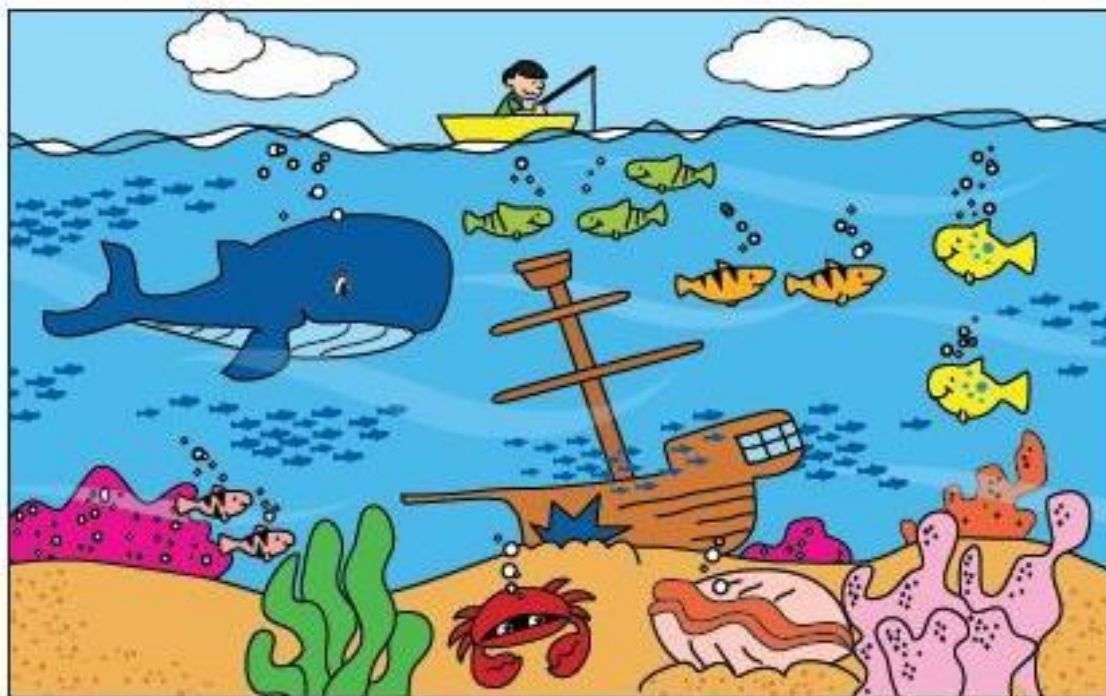
ICE CREAM

SUNGLASSES

WATERMELON

under the sea

Can you spot the 5 differences between these two pictures?

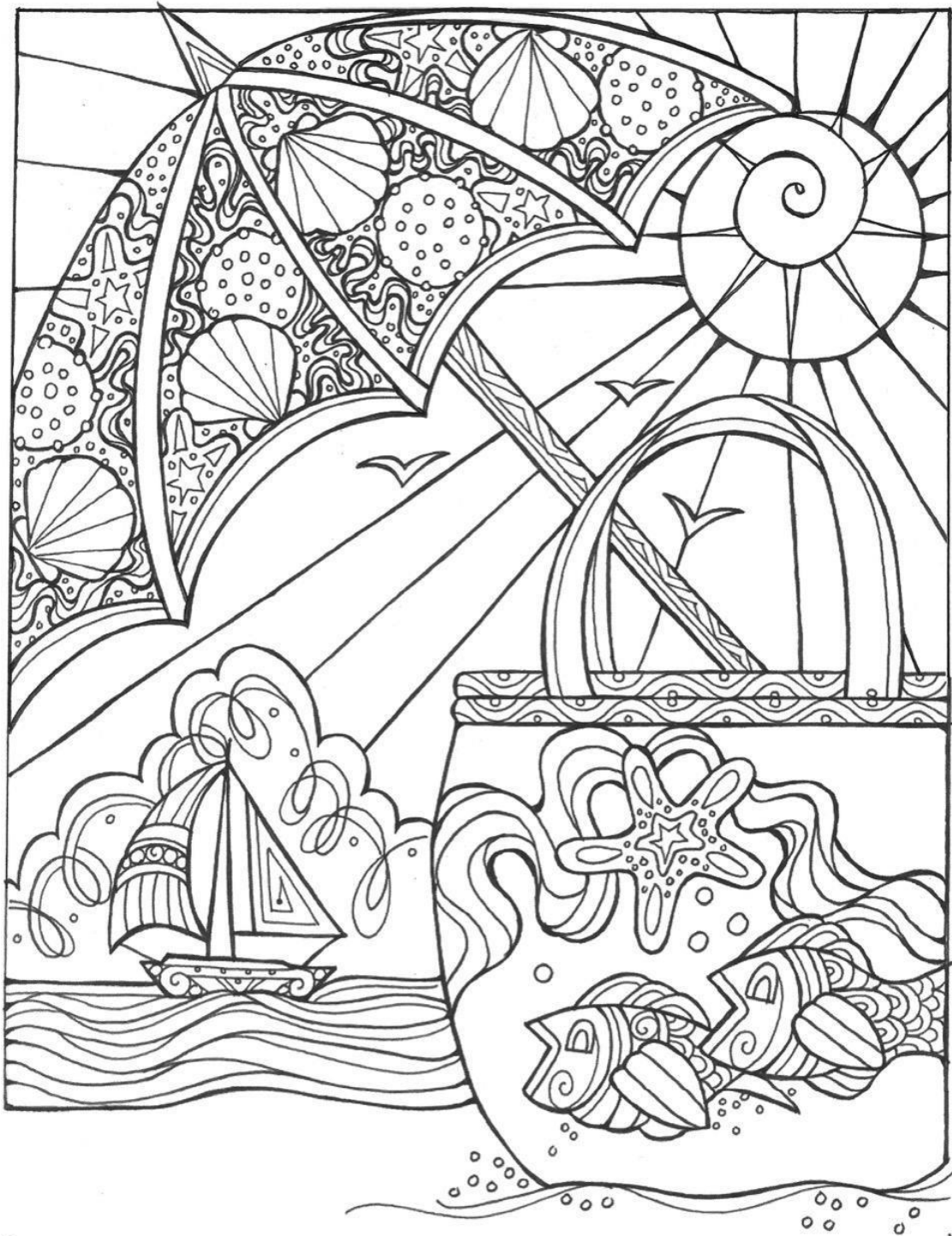


Summer Holiday Mindful Colouring

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

Childline www.childline.org.uk

The Stress Management Society www.stress.org.uk

The Big White Wall Support
Network www.bigwhitewall.com

NHS www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression

Mental Health Matters www.mentalhealthmatters.com

24 hour helpline 0800 1070160

Work / Life Balance

NHS Live Well – Work Place
Health www.nhs.uk/livewell/workplacehealth

Mental Health Foundation www.mentalhealth.org.uk/a-to-z/w/work-life-balance

Cycle Scheme www.cyclescheme.co.uk

Your Body

NHS One Your Campaign www.nhs.uk/oneyou

British Heart Foundation www.bhf.org.uk

Exercise

NHS Live Well – Get Started www.nhs.uk/livewell/getting-started-guides

The Girl Can – Sport England www.thegirlcan.co.uk

Living Streets www.livingstreets.org.uk

Swimming ASA www.swimming.org/asa

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy www.csp.org.uk/your-health/exercise-advice-all-ages-fitness

Home Life

Reiate www.relate.org.uk

Samaritans www.samaritians.org

Notational Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Barnardo's www.barnardos.org.uk

Childline www.childline.org.uk 08001111

Smoking

NHS Live Well www.nhs.uk/livewell/smoking

NHS Smokefree 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>

