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Friday 4th May

March



Message from the Headteacher

I cannot believe that I am already at the end of my third week, the children continue to impress me with their kindness and the fact they take time to come and speak to me and ask how things are going. They are also becoming more vocal about the changes I could make, I have said 'no' to the skate park and the sweet shop!

This term I would like to have a push on the children wearing the correct uniform including school shoes, the majority do but I expect 100%. I fully understand there are times when the children will need to be in alternative footwear but this should be discussed with the class teacher or myself. Hopefully the weather is going to get warmer very soon so can I remind you to ensure the children have a hat, sun cream if appropriate and a bottle of water that they can refill as they need to. Can you please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school all week as we have a significantly high number of children who are not participating due to lack of kit. They require:-

Indoor PE kit – white t-shirt, black shorts, black plimsolls Outdoor PE kit – white t-shirt, black shorts / jogging bottoms, sweatshirt, trainers

Thank you to all of you that have come and said hello at the school gate, I am starting to put names and faces together.... I am really hoping to reinstate a proactive PTA and wondered how many of you might be interested in supporting this. We have a busy summer planned with the Carnival, Sports Day, Discos and the events for the Year 6 children and these things are always much more fun if the school and parents work together. Once I ascertain how much interest there is I can organise a suitable meeting time where we can put ideas together and get started. Just return the slip at the bottom with your contact details on and I will be in touch.

The children and staff did a lovely service for the Reverend Liz last Thursday where they said thanks, goodbye and good luck in her next role. She was moved by the lovely words they had put in her card and she will miss them all, we will be inviting her back to the Year 6 Leavers Ball!

The Year 6 children are doing really well with their continued SATs preparation and I know the staff have kept you well informed. The children in 5S have been brilliant over the past couple of weeks due to the absence of Mr Slack, he has been supporting his own family through a difficult time and I know your thoughts and prayers are with him. I am very proud of how well the children have coped and how they have made the staff covering the class feel welcome and settled.

Just a quick reminder that school will be closed to the children on Friday 25th May for Teacher Training.

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PTA Interest

Name..... Child's name

Contact number/email address.....

School Diary

Autumn Term	School Time	After School
Monday	07.04.18 May Day—School Closed	Y3 & 4 Tennis 3.15-4.30pm
Tuesday	Swimming—4J	Y5 & 6 Tennis 3.15-4.30pm
Wednesday	09.05.18 Yr 4 Lunt Fort. Yr 3 Cadbury World	Y3 & 4 Athletics 3.15-4.30pm
Thursday		Y5 & 6 Rounders 3.15-4.30pm Art Club 3.15-4.15pm
Friday	Awards Assembly 2.30pm	

Key Events at a glance

2018

7.05.18 May Day

14-17 May SATs Tests

25.05.18 Teacher Training Day

28 May—1 June Summer Half Term

20.07.18—last day of Summer Term

Attendance—Target 97%

The whole school attendance for 16th to 27th April was **96.9%** which is just under target.

School

Jack & Jill

Thank you to all of those that have supported the fundraising for Jack & Jill Pre-school, we managed to raise £255.15 which is fantastic!

Themed Dinner

On Thursday 17th May there will be an American Day themed menu consisting of chicken goujons or crispy veggie burger with diced potatoes and corn or jacket potato with cheese and corn followed by a jam doughnut.

Dinner Money

When paying dinner money if you only wish to pay a certain amount but don't have the right change, please indicate this on the envelope to avoid the whole amount being added to the account, thank you.