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'Children at the heart; Inspiring futures'

Friday 15th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week celebrating sports days in school this week. It was fantastic to be able to have parents back in school to celebrate in the childrens' success, thank you to everyone who attended. Mrs Woodhouse did an amazing job in organising these events, which had a balance of activities for all and competitive races, for those who wished to take part. I have loved seeing so many children with beaming smiles and medals around their necks!

Summer Spectacular

After two years of Covid restrictions and no singing in school, it was wonderful to host our Summer Spectacular in school. The children sang with passion, energy and enthusiasm! Unfortunately, our school hall is too small to invite all parents to this performance however we would love to give parents the opportunity to see their children perform.

Each class (except Reception) will perform their song in classrooms on Wednesday 27th at 2:30 pm and 2:45pm. Parents should enter their child's classrooms through their classroom door and not via the school office. Each class will perform twice so that parents can watch siblings. Reception will perform their song for parents during their graduation on Thursday 28th July.

Heatwave and Sun cream

As a school we value parent and carer opinions and listen to feedback, as a result, we are changing our sun cream policy within school. Children may bring in a bottle of high SPF sun cream, clearly labelled with their name in to school with them. These should be handed straight to the class teacher to be stored throughout the school day. As we have children with serious allergies in school, sun cream MUST NOT be kept in children's bags.

Children will be supervised in applying sun cream but adults in school will not apply sun cream. If you wish for your child to reapply sun cream, please ensure that they know how to do this.

Temperatures are expected to exceed 30°C next week. Unfortunately, our school building is a very hot building, with many sky lights and windows which magnify the heat. We will be taking all precautions to reduce the heat in classrooms, such as keeping blinds closed and maintaining ventilation.

Children may come to school in P.E. kit (white T-shirt and navy blue shorts) all week. Cool boxes in classrooms will be available to keep water bottles cool and there will be no strenuous physical activity during PE sessions. Our air-conditioned classroom will be available for children to access during lunchtimes and children will be encouraged to stay in the shade. As a school we will be following the government guidance for keeping children safe during the heatwave. You can read more about this here.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england/looking-after-children-and-those-in-early-years-settings-during-heatwaves-for-teachers-and-professionals?utm_source=14%20July%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Transition Day

On Friday 22nd July children will spend the day with their new classes and class teachers. They should come to school through their normal classroom door and will be dismissed through their normal classroom door.

Reports will also be sent home on this day.

Meet the Teacher

On Monday 25th July parents will have the opportunity to meet their children's teachers for the next academic year. Important information about the year will be shared and there will be an opportunity to ask any questions and get to know your child(ren)'s new teacher. These sessions will be run twice at 3:15 and 3:45. Names of teachers will be displayed on classroom doors however if you are unsure where to go, please come via the school office and we will be happy to point you in the right direction!

Have a wonderful weekend and stay safe in the sun! Mrs K Mason Headteacher

<u>Dates for your Diary</u>

Wednesday 20th July - Y6 Performance 1:45 pm

Thursday 21st July - Y6 Performance 1:45 pm

Friday 22nd July - Transition day

Monday 25th July - Meet your New Teacher Meetings for Parents 3:15pm

Tuesday 26th July - Summer Fair 3:15 pm

Wednesday 27th July - Class Summer Spectacular performances at 2:30 and 2:45pm.

Thursday 28th July - Y6 Leavers assembly 9:15 am

Thursday 28th July – Reception Graduation and Summer Spectacular performance 2:30pm

Thursday 28th July – End of term

Wednesday 7th September - Children return to School