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Summer Term

Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents and Carers

Two weeks into the final half-term of the year. It has been lovely to observe all children engaged and working hard to improve. Over the next few weeks, we will be finding out about how well children have progressed as they complete their final assessments. Maths, phonics and writing have been high priority this year and it is hoped all children will have achieved beyond their targets. Attendance has also been a focus – whilst there is still work to be done, we are 2% ABOVE 2022-2023 figures. By having good attendance, children can make progress. Those who are less than 90% are most likely not to achieve their potential, those less than 80% are missing 1 day a week!

Many trips and events taking place during the final weeks, and details are always sent out to keep you informed. If things change, we will try to minimise disruption. Trips will be cancelled if we do not receive sufficient contributions.

Play Safe – Construction has started. Stage 1 complete.

Our Safe Play installation started this week – our EYFS / KS1 children are excited watching it take shape and cannot wait until it is ready to be used. All children will be shown how to use it safely and it will be supervised. The flooring is being installed next week and should be completed by Sports Day next Friday. The Safe Play is completely out of bounds to everyone until all risk assessments and final checks are completed.

Sports Week next week.

You will have already received information about Sports Week. Please support your child on your child's specific day, and then join us on Friday morning for the mammoth sporting extravaganza. Mr Bawden and the whole staff team will be ensuring all children have a wonderful opportunity to take part in up to 14 different events. Thank you to those who have offered to help on Friday – Mr Bawden will be in contact to confirm arrangements.

Nut Allergy. We are a NO NUT school.

Summer term weather

Another reminder – please ensure your child has suncream applied before they come to school to protect them for the day.

Forest School – An amazing provision

A reminder to all those who take part in Forest School. All children must wear long sleeved tops and long trousers for safety reasons. It is the agreed rule, and all must abide by this rule. The Forest School provision is something we are so very proud of and Miss Watson works tirelessly trying to make the area as good as possible. We must all support the wonderful provision as it continues to evolve and improve. We have plans to further extend the provision next year.

Keeping ourselves fully hydrated – what can we drink?

We remind parents and carers to make sure their children always bring a drinks bottle to school with them already filled with water, which they can also refill during the day. The *NHS* website **strongly recommend** children should avoid fizzy drinks.



Water

NO calories!

Quenches the thirst most effectively.

Best drink to help our body retain a normal temperature.

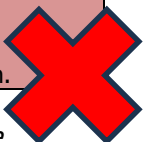
Cheaper!

Fizzy Drinks, Squash or Flavoured Water

All have high level of sugar or saccharin. (sugar-free uses artificial sugar!)

Can lead to children becoming overweight.

Can cause increased damage to children's teeth.



*It is for all these reasons we **strongly recommend** children only bring water to school in their bottle.*



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Request for Term-Time Absence – Please read carefully

Parents are reminded authorised absence request will only be permitted for **very few reasons** and official guidance must be followed. **To be clear, nearly all requests will be unauthorised.**

Your request will **DEFINITELY NOT** be authorised if your child's attendance is less than 94% and could action a fine.

Thank you for your support and understanding on this matter.

Attendance Update

We have recently dropped to 93%. National Average = 94.5%
 1.4% - unauthorised absence. 0.6% - late (after 8.50am and before 9.15am)
 Persistent Absences – remains a concern – those below 90%

Key dates for the rest of the academic year

| 27 th May – 31 st May - Summer Half-Term | |
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| TERM 6 | |
| Mon 17 th June | Sports Week. Details already sent out |
| 19 th June | EYFS Sports Festival at Pyrland (new date from when postponed) |
| Wed 19 th June | School Readiness Session (New Reception) 2-3pm. Details already sent out. |
| Fri 21 st June | Sport Celebration Day & Whole school picnic. Details already sent out |
| Wed 26 th June | KS1 trip to Noah's Ark. All day. Any outstanding payments to be made, please |
| Mon 24 th June | Reception School Readiness Session. 2pm – 3pm (Hall) |
| Thurs 4 th July | Annual Children's Reports to Parents |
| Fri 5th July | PTFA Event: Summer Fayre. 3.30pm-5.30pm |
| Thurs 11 th July | 5pm LGB – Data & Attendance Focus (Changed from 4 th July) |
| Fri 19 th July | 9.10am Golden Mile 6 |
| Thurs 18 th July | Year 6 Evening performance. |
| Tues 23 rd July | 2pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Last Day of Year for all pupils – Ends 3.15pm |
| Wed 24th July - INSET Day – Closed to children. (Nursery open) | |
| Thursday 25th July - Summer Holidays begin (Nursery open) | |