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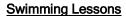
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14th May 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer,

This week, our Year 6 children are completing their Key Stage 2 SATs tests and had their first test yesterday. Today, they have a reading test and then there are three mathematics papers spread over Wednesday and Thursday. We all very proud of the children for how hard that they have worked across the year and the positive attitude towards learning that has been displayed throughout. Well done Year 6!

Next week, we have a rather busy final week before the half term break. We start with class photographs on the Monday. There is the multiplication championship taking place in both Middle and Upper School throughout the week. On Wednesday afternoon, there is the rearranged Middle School Maypole Dancing. On Thursday, there is the PTA disco and on Friday, it is Cultural Diversity Day and the art exhibition that will be taking place after school. Thank you to members of the PTA that have been busy both framing and preparing for this and the disco next week.



A reminder that swimming lessons for children in Y1 upwards start after May half-term. If you haven't done so already, please could families complete the swimming ability and water confidence forms by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you in advance.

Lower School: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/Q96zwGMgcX">https://forms.office.com/e/Q96zwGMgcX</a>
Middle School: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/PeQmPNrQwp">https://forms.office.com/e/PeQmPNrQwp</a>
Upper School: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/PeQmPNrQwp">https://forms.office.com/e/PeQmPNrQwp</a>

### Key Stage 2 Sports Day Update

Thank you to all of you that have volunteered to support with this. We are in the process of organising the placement of the volunteers. One of the challenges on the day will be organising the parking of cars in the overflow area at Palmer Park. If any of the existing volunteers (or new volunteers), fancies this challenge, then please could you let the office know via email.

#### Homework

Our Homework Policy is reviewed on a triennial basis. It is due to be reviewed next half-term and as part of the process, we will be asking for feedback from both staff and families. It will be difficult to get an approach that will be ideal for all as opinions about homework can vary immensely. However, we will be able to consider all responses on the form below that are completed by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Thank you in advance to anyone who is able to complete the survey of 4 questions below:

https://forms.office.com/e/3dMFRXEhcz

#### WhatsApp Use

It has come to our attention that several children are using WhatsApp to communicate with one another. A reminder that this is a 13+ app. This was originally 16+ until last month. There is a helpful guide to parents and carers on the Internet Matters website. I am including a direct link to the page below:















#### https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-quide-for-parents/

# Final Reminder: School Meals Parent Survey

Wokingham are running a survey where feedback can be shared regarding school meals. Wokingham approve the menu that Caterlink (the company that prepares and serves our school dinners) sets. The deadline for completing the survey is May 17<sup>th</sup> and the link for this can be found below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebcgVESM3bwIoNoGAmr27nx9YiBc-3ZD0bzIq88sAIP0FWNA/viewform?usp=sf\_link

## Cost of Living Update from Wokingham Borough Council

# Get extra support for your child

Registering for free school meals if you're eligible means you can help your child have a healthy lifestyle.

This support helps feed millions of children in schools across the country every day and thousands locally.

Your circumstances may have changed, which means you could now register for free school meals.

To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based <u>Job Seekers Allowance</u>
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- NASS support
- Guarantee element of State Pension
- <u>Child Tax Credit</u>, provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit for the four weeks after employment ends
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child's school.

<u>Download the form and apply for Free School Meals</u> on Wokingham Borough Council's website.

## **Events Update**

Updates made this week are highlighted in yellow.

# **Events List: Summer**

Date (Time)	Event
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May NOW Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May (2:15pm)	Middle School Maypole Dancing
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs
Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Multiplication Championship
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	R.E. Inspired Upper School















Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	PTA Disco
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Cultural Diversity Day/ Art Exhibition
Week beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET Day
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y6 at Little Canada
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Times Table Check Window
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	New EYFS Parent Meeting
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June (9:25am)	Middle and Upper School Sports Day at Palmer Park
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Try a Tri
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	New EYFS 24/25 Transition Visit
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	FS Summer Trip
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshops (Y2, Y5 and Y6)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	New EYFS 24/25 Transition Visit
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Middle School Eid Assembly
Week beginning 1st July	Sports Week
Monday 1st July (AM)	Middle School Cross Country
Monday 1st July (1:45pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	District Sports (selected children)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (2pm) NEW TIME	Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (11am)	Upper School Cross Country
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (1:45pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July (11am)	Middle School Cross Country
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Morning (whole morning)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower School- dress rehearsal
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Middle School - technical performance















Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Middle School trip to Wisley
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July (3:30-4pm)	Y1-Y6 Topic Celebrations
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Happy Circus
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports Out to Parents
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Celebration-Pool Party
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July (AM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Children
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July (PM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Tuesday 23rd July	Last Day of Term

Yours Sincerely,

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Mark Wieder

Headteacher













