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Dear Parent/ Carer,

We have a rather busy final week before the half term break. We started with class photographs and an assembly on sun safety on Monday. 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. There will also be art exhibition that will be taking place after school. We also have the multiplication championship taking place in both Middle and Upper School throughout the week

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all families an enjoyable half-term break when the time comes. A reminder that Monday 3rd June is an INSET day, so children will return back on Tuesday 4th June.

Year 4 Times Table Check

After half term, Y4 children will be required to take part in a national check for their knowledge of multiplication facts up to 12x12. The tests are completed using an iPad and involve having to answer 25 random multiplication questions. They have up to 6 seconds to type the answer on the screen. Further information about the check can be found in the leaflet attached below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6543c1ef9e05fd0014be7c64/2024_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_PDFA_v1.1.pdf

Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening Check

The window for these national checks begins on Monday 10th June. The check is completed by all Y1 children and any Y2 child that did not pass the check in Y1. The check involves sounding out/reading 40 words (20 are real words and 20 are pseudo/alien words). The pass mark is published after the check has been completed. In recent years, the pass mark has been 32 marks. Further information about the check can be found in the leaflet attached below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/664c87774f29e1d07fadcba9/2024_Information_for_parents_asessment_phonics_screening_check_WEBHO.pdf

For any family that would like to see what past papers have looked like, I am including a link below with direct access to resources associated with the phonics check:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#phonics-screening-check-resources>

Key Stage 2 Sports Day Update

We will be sending out guidance about the day to volunteers who are supporting with this alongside the risk assessment at the end of this week. Hopefully, this will be clear to volunteers, but if not there is an opportunity to email in any queries and address these after the half-term break. Unfortunately, we did not have anyone with car parking expertise come forward, so we will have to put a few people in to support with this for the first 20 minutes prior to the event starting.



A reminder that children, who have already been signed up for the walking group, that they will need to be in school by 8:30am that day. Registration will be in the hall. The group will then leave at 8:40am at the latest. Children arriving by car will need to be registered at 9:15am at Palmer Park. Until that point, children will be parental responsibility. At the end of Sports Day, children being transported back will be required to be signed out from the teacher. The children arriving back at school will then need to be signed in at reception on arrival. The expectation will be that all children return back to school for afternoon lessons. Any child not returning due to illness/injury sustained during the event will need to notify the office as per usual absence reporting procedures.

Homework Survey Reminder

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 3rd June. Thank you in advance to anyone who is able to complete the survey of 4 questions below:

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

Events Update

Updates made this week are highlighted in yellow.

Events List: Summer

Please note that the Upper School topic celebrations will now take place on Wednesday 17th July, rather than the 10th July as originally advertised. This is due to a clash with one of the performance dates. All other topic celebrations will remain on the 10th July.

Date (Time)	Event
Friday 10 th May NOW Wednesday 22nd May (2:15pm)	Middle School Maypole Dancing
Week beginning 20 th May	Multiplication Championship
Thursday 23 rd May	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Thursday 23 rd May	PTA Disco
Friday 24 th May	Cultural Diversity Day/ Art Exhibition
Week beginning 27 th May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	INSET Day
Week beginning 3 rd June	Y6 at Little Canada
Monday 3 rd to Friday 14 th	Y4 Times Table Check Window
Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th June	Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window
Wednesday 12 th June	New EYFS Parent Meeting
Friday 14 th June (9:25am)	Middle and Upper School Sports Day at Palmer Park



Saturday 15 th June	PTA Try a Tri
Tuesday 18 th June	New EYFS 24/25 Transition Visit
Wednesday 19 th June	FS Summer Trip
Thursday 20 th June	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Tuesday 25 th June	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshops (Y2, Y5 and Y6)
Thursday 27 th June	New EYFS 24/25 Transition Visit
Friday 28 th June	Middle School Eid Assembly
Week beginning 1 st July	Sports Week
Monday 1 st July (AM)	Middle School Cross Country
Monday 1 st July (1:45pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Tuesday 2 nd July	District Sports (selected children)
Wednesday 3 rd July (2pm) NEW TIME	Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day
Wednesday 3 rd July (11am)	Upper School Cross Country
Wednesday 3 rd July (1:45pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala
Thursday 4 th July (11am)	Middle School Cross Country
Monday 8 th July	Transition Morning (whole morning)
Monday 8 th July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower School- dress rehearsal
Tuesday 9 th July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Middle School - technical performance
Wednesday 10 th July	Middle School trip to Wisley
Wednesday 10 th July (3:30-4pm)	Y1-Y4 Topic Celebrations
Wednesday 10 th July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Thursday 11 th July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Friday 12 th July	PTA Happy Circus
Monday 15 th July	Reports Out to Parents
Wednesday 17 th July	Upper School Topic Celebrations
Monday 22 nd July	Y6 Leavers Celebration-Pool Party
Tuesday 23 rd July (AM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Children



Tuesday 23 rd July (PM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last Day of Term

Yours Sincerely,



Mark Wieder
Headteacher

