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Dear Parent/ Carer,

It has been a positive first week back for the children and now this week we are starting to see the Summer weather return. It feels appropriate to include the sun safety reminder again that I included last week in the weekly update!

A reminder that next Monday is a bank holiday, so there will be no school that day!

National Statutory Tests Update

Last week, we had a parent meeting on the Year 6 SATs and these are due to take place in the week beginning 12th May. For any of the families that may have missed the meeting, the Department for Education has provided summary details for both this and other government assessments that are due to take place in other year groups this term. It can be accessed via the link below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-information-for-parents

Children in Year 2 will be completing the Key Stage 1 SATs in the last week of this half-term. After half-term, children in Y4 complete the multiplication check, where they need to answer multiplication questions up to 12x12 in under six seconds on an iPad. There is also the Y1 Phonics Check taking place after half-term, where children need the read both real and pseudo words. For anyone interested in having a look at examples of previous tests, I am attaching a link below for you to access past versions of the phonics, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 SATS.

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Multiplication Championship

We have decided that due to the shortness of this half-term and the fact that Y6 are on their residential, we will hold our annual Multiplication Championship on the first week after half term as opposed to the week beginning 19th May.

Catering Update

Ten catering companies expressed an interest in the joint catering contract for us and several other local schools. This has now been shortlisted to four companies and on Wednesday, I will be at the presentation and scoring selection process for the new catering contract. Once all the other schools involved have also scored and the result calculated, I will be in a position to further update you as to who will be providing the catering from September 2025.

Sun Safety

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At this time of year, the UV level starts to climb and the risk of harm from the sun increases. As a guide to understanding UV levels, please see the table below:













UV index	Action
0 to 2	You can safely enjoy being outside!
	Seek shade during midday hours! Slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen and slap on hat!
8 and above	Avoid being outside during midday hours! Make sure you seek shade! Shirt, sunscreen and hat are a must

Usually at this time of the year, the UV level will be a minimum of 3 during lunchtimes, so we are strongly encouraging all children to bring in a hat and sunscreen (a minimum sun protection factor of 30 that the child can apply). Children may also bring a pair of sunglasses if they wish for lunchtimes. Please could any items brought in from home be named. We will also encourage children to spend at least some of their lunchtime in shaded areas when the UV level is high.

We will monitor UV levels daily and if they get particularly high, we will provide a room or rooms (depending on the temperature and UV level) on that particularly day where shelter from the sun can be offered.

Any type of hat will always be preferential over no hat all. However, broad-brimmed, bucket style or legionnaire style hats offer the best sun protection as they adequately shade the face, neck, ears and cheeks.

Events List

Please find the latest version of events for the year below.

Event
Bank Holiday
Key Stage 2 SATS Week
R.E. Inspired Lower School
PTA Disco
Middle School Maypole Dancing
Y6 at Little Canada
Cultural Diversity Day
Half Term
INSET Day
Multiplication Championship
Y4 Times Table Check Window
Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window
New EYFS Parent Meeting
KS2 Sports Day
PTA Try-a-Tri
Middle School trip to Marwell Zoo

Thursday 19 th June	Lower School trip to Hawk Conservancy
Thursday 19 th June	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Friday 20 th June (PM)	60 th Anniversary Prom and Picnic
Wednesday 25 th June	EYFS trip to Wooley Firs
Friday 27 th June	District Sports
Week beginning 30 th June	Sports Week
Monday 30 th June (AM)	Inter-House Cross Country- Middle School
Monday 30 th June (1:30pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Wednesday 2 nd July (1:30pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala
Wednesday 2 rd July	Upper School Cross Country
Thursday 3 rd July (2pm)	Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day
Friday 4 th July	PTA Non-Uniform Make the Rules Day
Monday 7 th July	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower - dress rehearsal
Tuesday 8 th July	Transition Morning
Tuesday 8 th July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Middle School - technical performance
Wednesday 9 th July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Thursday 10 th July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Monday 14 th July (3:30pm)	Topic Celebrations
Wednesday 23 rd July (AM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Children
Wednesday 23 rd July (PM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Wednesday 23rd July	Last Day of Term

Yours Sincerely,

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