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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you to members of the PTA for organising the hot chocolate event on Friday and thank you to all of you that supported the school with your purchases. Our swimming pool needs further investment to keep it open and every penny raised is vital.

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. Yesterday, there was a special assembly to launch this year's theme, which is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.' Today there was a parent coffee morning and there are a number of workshops taking place for the children across the week. Thank you to Mrs Boba for organising.

The year seems to be flying by at the moment and we have our NSPCC Number Day on Friday. Mrs Dunn will be organising a cake sale after school to raise further funds for the NSPCC. This will be held either in Juniper Class or just outside it depending on the weather that day. A reminder that children can wear clothes with numbers on if they wish this Friday. In return, please could families donate a minimum of £1 directly to the NSPCC via the link below:

<https://secure.nspcc.org.uk/?dotype=regular>

Today, we have our governors spending time within school. As part of their visit, they will be on the playground at the end of the day by the gazebo if you wish to speak to them.

The last week of term is looking rather busy with the finals of the Spelling Bee, Safer Internet Day, PTA Disco and an Upper School trip to Kew Gardens.

Deadlines for Sports Competitions Sign Ups

Please note that we will be enforcing the deadlines for signing up to sports competitions such as cross-country from now on. We will not be able to add children onto the list after the deadline has passed. We will also be insisting on the forms being completed rather than verbal consent. This will support the school in preparing ahead of each event.

As a parent myself, I can appreciate that it can be tricky to keep up to date with school communication and administration. However, the office staff have had to spend considerable time chasing families who haven't completed forms within the deadline. This causes issues within the office and the team organising the sporting activities and trips. Currently, the school often don't have the final numbers until the day of the activity. This can cause issues when dealing with coaches, venues and sports competitions when numbers are required by set deadlines. To give you an idea of the scale of the problem, in the recent Lower School trip to Brooklands Museum, only 43/90 children met the deadline required. This then caused excessive administrative time in chasing a large number of families for permission and/ or voluntary contributions. The deadlines are set so that appropriate arrangements can be made and the financial viability of the trip assessed in a timely manner. Our Charging and Remissions Policy states that if less than 90% of the cost of the off-site visit is not met by voluntary contributions, then cancelling the trip should be considered. Therefore, deadlines are required to ensure that we can meet the requirements within this policy. We have set reminders into the emailing system and my personal advice would be to set aside some time in the week, to look at the Arbor app as this will store all the information that has been sent out in one place.



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At this point, we are considering bringing in the same process for school trips. However, we intend to trial this approach with sports competitions and monitor to see if there is an improvement in response to meeting deadlines for the remainder of school trips booked this year.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Events List

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

Date (Time)	Event
Week beginning 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4 th February (8:50am-10am)	Mental Health Week Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day (dress as a number in return for £1 donation to NSPCC)
Week beginning 10 th February	Spelling Bee Finals
Tuesday 11 th and Wednesday 12 th February	Upper School trips to Kew Gardens
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th February	PTA Disco
Week beginning 17 th February	Half Term
Week beginning 24 th February	Bike-ability week
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (Children can come in dressed as a book character)
Week beginning 17 th March	Neuro-Diversity Celebration Week
Week beginning 17 th March	EYFS Parents' Evenings Week
Week beginning 24 th March	Parents' Evening Y1-6 Week
Wednesday 26 th and Thursday 27 th March	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 28 th March	Junior Music Festival
Monday 31 st March	Topic Celebrations
Wednesday 2 nd April	Foundation Stage Easter Performance
Thursday 3 rd April (2:30pm)	Lower School Eid Assembly
Thursday 3 rd April	PTA Cake Sale
Friday 4 th April	Last Day of Term Progress reports to parents
Tuesday 22 nd April	Children Return to School

Thursday 24 th April	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Week beginning 28 th April	Team newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Week beginning 12 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Thursday 15 th May	R.E. Inspired Lower School
Thursday 15 th May (6-8pm)	PTA Disco
Friday 16 th May	Middle School Maypole Dancing
Weeks beginning 19 th May	Y6 at Little Canada
Week beginning 19 th May	Multiplication Championship
Friday 23 rd May	Cultural Diversity Day
Week beginning 26 th May	Half Term
Monday 2 nd June	INSET Day
Monday 2 nd to Friday 3 rd June	Y4 Times Table Check Window
Monday 9 th to Friday 13 th June	Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window
Wednesday 11 th June (4pm)	New EYFS Parent Meeting
Friday 13 th June	KS2 Sports Day
Saturday 14 th June	PTA Try-a-Tri
Wednesday 18 th June	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
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
Tuesday 1st July	District Sports (To be confirmed)
Wednesday 2 nd July (1:30pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala
Wednesday 2 nd 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 (2pm)	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower - dress rehearsal
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 23 rd July	Last Day of Term

Yours Sincerely,



Mark Wieder
Headteacher