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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and I hope that you all had a good half-term break. It was very busy in school over the holiday with more of our lighting being changed to LED lights and you would have also seen the removal of the mound of earth outside the Year R classrooms. We had hoped that this would be completed over the half-term break, however the safety matting failed its quality control checks and so we are waiting on another shipment – hopefully just a couple of weeks delay!

It has been a real pleasure to welcome Mrs Evans back to the school this week and I've already had children telling me that she's announced that 6MB are 'the best class ever' - she tells me that those were not her exact words but they've got another week to actually convince her!

### Annual Parent Survey

Thank you to those of you who have completed the annual parental survey. I will be reviewing these over the next couple of weeks and letting parents know the feedback in due course.

### Year 4 Classes

One item that I know parents will be keen to know about is the proposed mixing of Year 4 classes. As you know, it was decided that this would not happen this year but given the fact that a number of parents said that they had changed their mind, it was requested I put the question back out to parents.

It is clear that whilst there is support for the principle of mixing there are still concerns that, given the disruption that children have experienced, it could be counter-productive. This has to be balanced against the potential benefits and after consideration I've decided that the original decision stands that the current Year 4 children will not be mixing as they go into Year 5. I know that there will be mixed feelings on this but I have to base my decision upon what I feel is best for the majority of children.

### Term 6 Events

The upcoming summer term is a busy one and, as I wrote last week, we're still hoping that many of these events can still continue. We are obviously awaiting the announcement from the Prime Minister on Monday about the next step in the easing of restrictions but we will make every effort to ensure these events take place.

### Music Performances (Outdoors)

Mrs Brooks and Mr Miles have arranged 'mini-performances' for each year group on specific days (dates below). Parents of these year groups will be invited onto the school playground at 3pm to listen to their children perform. We will, of course, be asking parents to maintain appropriate social distancing.



Sports Afternoons (Outdoors)

**Please note that we have had to swap dates around from what was published last week so the dates below may differ from class newsletters.**

Parents of children in each phase (details below) are invited into school from 1.30pm on these specific afternoons. We will be keeping the children separated in their year group bubbles but they will have the opportunity to engage in the competitive events that they would normally enjoy. Separately from this, there will be a ‘potted sports’ event for each phase in which children will work in collaborative teams to win points – this would normally involve a mix of year groups but this can’t happen this week so they will be working with children in their own year group.

Year 1 Performance (Indoors)

Year 1 will be holding a small performance indoors for two adults to attend (dates below). This will be ticketed in the same way that the Year R nativity was ticketed, i.e. two tickets each, randomly allocated seating but this may be impacted by the government announcement on Monday. Please note that as this is an indoor event, we will be asking parents to wear face masks and take an LFT test on the day.

Year 6 Production (indoors)

Dates have now been confirmed and this will also be a ticketed event with each cast performing twice. As above, this is an indoor event and we will be asking parents to wear face masks and take an LFT test on the day. I will be writing to Year 6 parents separately following Monday’s announcement.

<b>Music Performances</b>	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June, 3pm	Year 1 – Sea Shanties
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June, 3pm	Year 2 – African Drumming
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June, 3pm	Year R – Traditional Rhymes & Percussion
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June, 3pm	Year 5 – Jazz Percussion
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July, 3pm	Year 3 – Samba Drumming
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July, 3pm	Year 6 – School of Rock
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 3pm	Year 4 - Ukuleles
<b>Sports Afternoons</b>	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June, 1.30pm	Phase 2 (Year 2, 3 and 4)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June, 1.30pm	Phase 1 (Year R and 1)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 1.30pm	Phase 3 (Year 5 and 6)
<b>Year 1 Performances (moved from Term 2)</b>	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 9am	Year 1 Performance (1LA)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm	Year 1 Performance (1CS)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July, 9am	Year 1 Performance (1CS)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm	Year 1 Performance (1LA)
<b>Year 6 Production (School of Rock)</b>	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm and 7pm	Year 6 Production (Cast A)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm and 7pm	Year 6 Production (Cast B)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (2pm)	Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly

### A Time to Reflect

Next week is Refugee Week and as well as promoting books in our school library dealing with this theme, this is also something that the children have been reflecting upon during their Collective Worship this week.

We've reflected upon the inequalities in our world that have only been made greater by the current situation we find ourselves in and what we can do to make people not feel alone.

We reminded ourselves that Jesus was a refugee – his family fled to Egypt to escape danger in their own homeland and the older children may have even considered what is happening across the world today that causes children and families to have to leave their homes.

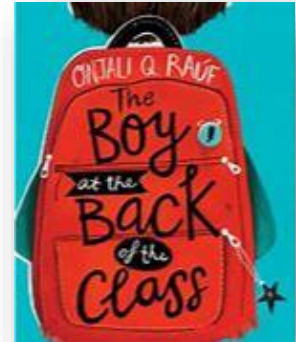
We ended by thinking about a time in our lives where we were 'new' somewhere, what it was like and what made us feel welcome.

I've recently read 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' with my daughter (she's in Year 4); it's an incredible book and one I would recommend whole-heartedly.

Have a good half-term break.



James Tibbles  
Headteacher



## Celebration

### Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ <b>Darwin H (RAM)</b> for always being kind and considerate towards his peers and offering help where needed. <i>Miss Maw</i>                  | ☆ <b>Edie W (4ST)</b> for exemplary behaviour and for considering others whilst making their book choices at Waterstones yesterday. <i>Mrs Haynes</i> |
| ☆ <b>Michael P (REC)</b> for his fantastic maths and being a super friend to everyone. <i>Miss Cowley</i>  | ☆ <b>Lily D (4ST)</b> for exemplary behaviour and for considering others whilst making their book choices at Waterstones yesterday. <i>Mrs Haynes</i> |
| ☆ <b>Oliver H (1CS)</b> for his excellent attitude towards his learning this week. <i>Miss Smith</i>   | ☆ <b>Lily H (4JH)</b> for showing compassion to others and helping around the classroom. <i>Mr Harris</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Finn F (1LA)</b> for always showing compassion to others and helping others. <i>Miss Andrews</i>  | ☆ <b>Melita M (4JH)</b> for fantastic service to the school and always trying her best. <i>Mrs Moon</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Daisy R (2FP)</b> for showing excellence in her reading comprehension! <i>Mrs Franks</i>  | ☆ <b>Elada M (5JP)</b> for consistently demonstrating excellent behaviours for learning across all subject. Very well done. <i>Mr Perfect</i>         |
| ☆ <b>Maria S (2GD)</b> for carefully creating and painting her own clay puffin before helping others with theirs. <i>Mrs Dennett</i>             | ☆ <b>Ophelia B (5JS)</b> for being kind to her peers and for having a positive attitude towards her learning. <i>Mrs Pearson</i>                      |
| ☆ <b>Sacha D (3HA)</b> for his fantastic effort in his learning this week. <i>Miss Allison</i>   | ☆ <b>Hanish T (5JS)</b> for regularly demonstrating all the school values, particularly generosity and service. <i>Miss Smith</i>                     |
| ☆ <b>Rosa B (3SA)</b> for her excellent attitude and creativity towards all areas of her learning. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>                             | ☆ <b>Anjika D (6NA)</b> for excellent contributions in class this week, especially in Computing. <i>Mr Taylor</i>                                     |
| ☆ <b>Eleanor N (4ST)</b> for always showing compassion and generosity to others. Eleanor is a great role model for our class. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ <b>Brandon C (6MB)</b> for enthusiasm and always being ready to have a good go at things. <i>Mrs Corral</i>   |
|  | ☆ <b>Martha F (6MB)</b> for resilience/perseverance during poem writing. Great attitude. <i>Mrs Evans</i>   |

### Buster Book Club



Well done to **3HA** who won the class 'Buster Book Club' award again this week having read a total of 770 minutes between them and to **4JH** who read a total of 1255 minutes.

## Upcoming Events

All dates and events can be found on our school calendar.



You are also able to 'subscribe' to the calendar (there is a link underneath the calendar) which means that you can have the school calendar on your phone or tablet and any updates will automatically appear on your device!

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 1		
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 1	4ST trip to Creed Outdoor Centre	
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 2	4JH trip to Creed Outdoor Centre	
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 2	New Year R children in school	3pm: Year 1 Music Performance
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 3		

<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 3	School Health Checks for Year R pupils	3pm: Year 2 Music Performance
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 4		
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 4	Eco Talk for Year 5 and 6 children	
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 5	New Year R children in school	3pm: Year R Music Performance
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2): Group 5		

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>		1.30pm: Yr 2, 3 & 4 Sports Afternoon	3pm: Year 5 Music Performance
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>		1.30pm: Yr R & 1 Sports Afternoon	
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>		1.30pm: Yr 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon	Parent Session: Supporting children with ASD/ASC
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Transition Day: Year 6 children to new schools	Moving Up Afternoon: Children in new classes	
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>			

## School Dinners

Meals should be booked and pre-paid via the ParentMail website or app.

Week 2	Margherita Pizza	Lasagne	Roast Pork, Apple Sauce & Gravy	Fruity Chicken Curry	Fish Fingers
	Fishcakes	Penne, Pesto and Beans	Quorn Fillet & Gravy	Vegetarian Curry	Barbecue Quorn Wrap
	Jacket Potato and Beans	Jacket Potato and Tuna	Jacket Potato and Cheese	Jacket Potato and Tuna	Jacket Potato and Beans
	Potato Wedges		Roast Potatoes	Whole Grain Rice (50/50)	Chips
	Peas	Sweetcorn	Sliced Carrots	Cabbage	Baked Beans
	Roasted Mixed Vegetables	Broccoli	Runner Beans	Peas	Coleslaw
	Mousse with Fruit Slices	Iced Sponge Finger	Fruit Shortcake and Custard	Chocolate Crispy Cake	Biscuit Choice