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Working together to be the best we can possibly be.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. *Philippians 4.13*

19th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It doesn't seem possible that we are at the end of the academic year. We wish all our Year 6 pupils every happiness and continued success as they prepare for secondary school. Keep taking steps forward to being the best you can possibly be.

Safeguarding:

If you think a child or an adult with care and support needs is in immediate danger, phone 999.

Make a referral to Children's Services:

[Make a referral to Cambridgeshire County Council Children's Services - Instructions and Data Protection - Cambridgeshire County Council website \(achieveservice.com\)](#)

NSPCC website:

[NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC](#)

NSPCC website for information about child protection:

[Child protection system in the UK | NSPCC Learning](#)

Reporting a crime:

[Contact us | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](#)

Wellbeing and mental health:

Here are a few suggestions for nurturing your mental health during the break:

1. **Unplug and Disconnect:** Take a break from emails and work-related tasks. Give yourself permission to disconnect and enjoy time away from the usual routines.
2. **Engage in Activities You Love:** Whether it's reading, hiking, gardening, or spending time with loved ones, make sure to engage in activities that bring you joy and relaxation.
3. **Practice Mindfulness:** Consider incorporating mindfulness practices such as meditation, yoga, or simple breathing exercises into your daily routine to help reduce stress and enhance your overall wellbeing.
4. **Stay Active:** Physical activity is a great way to boost your mood and energy levels. Find an activity you enjoy and make it a regular part of your summer schedule.
5. **Connect with Loved Ones:** Spend quality time with family and friends. Building and nurturing personal relationships is vital for emotional support and happiness.

Getting ready for September: Uniform expectations

A simple watch may be worn during lesson times but must be removed for sporting activities, swimming, design technology and food technology. Smart watches that take photographs must not be worn at any time and must remain at home.

- Please avoid jeans / leggings / tracksuit bottoms or similar for school days and multi-coloured shorts during the summer.
- Shoes with high or elevated heels or flip flops are unsuitable for school
- Any child wearing clothing with an offensive or anti-social logo will be asked to change or cover up the item.
- No make-up, fake tattoos or nail varnish to be worn in school.
- No jewellery except one pair of plain stud earrings.

Transition to Year 1:

As you know we are always looking for ways to work with you to be the best we can possibly be. Parent feedback is a key part of this.

As part of our school development plan, this academic year, we have written a new policy to support our pupils with the move from Reception to Year 1. The policy has been approved by the Governors and a copy can be found on our website: [here](#)

Re-Imagine Resource Centre:

Re-Imagine has created a Social Mini Mart full of surplus, short-dated, donated and purchased food which is open on a Friday between 10am – noon. If you have a Facebook account you can find more information here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/TgYPh6v8nj1yxUhQ/>

Free parenting courses:

Link to online parenting courses [Parenting courses | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Check online courses and there is instruction how to access it and code and then link to the programmes.

Sandringham Estate – Family Forest Fun:

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Booking Essential

<https://sandringhamestate.co.uk/events>

Ely Aqua Swim School:



Summer Intensive Swimming Course

Haddenham: 5 days of swimming Monday July 29th - Friday August 2nd - 30 minute sessions from 9am - 11am
Semi-private lessons from the complete beginner to advanced swimmer.
Improve and perfect your technique whilst promoting water safety.
Small team of passionate teachers
Cost: £110
Contact: elyaqua@yahoo.co.uk, Anita 07366997130

Attendance:

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our drive for improved attendance. The Government has identified a child’s attendance of 96% and above is the key figure to give best chance of academic progress. Please can we remind you that absence must be reported to the office by 9am on each day.

This week our attendance figure as a school is: 94.6%

Our attendance as a school for this academic year is 94.7% which is a huge improvement on this time last year. Thank you for your ongoing support with attendance.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the start of next academic year, Thursday 5th September 2024.

Best wishes,

Miss Turner

Dates for your diary: September 2024	
03.09.2024	Professional Development Day for staff
04.09.2024	Professional Development Day for staff
05.09.2024	Children return to school. First day of the new academic year.