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Message from Mrs Peart

Well we are getting very close to the end of another academic year. I cannot believe how quickly this year has passed – time really does fly when you are having fun!! It has been another amazing year with so many special memories – we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child grow and develop as much as we have!

We are busy preparing for the final few weeks and are very much looking forward to the celebration assemblies that each year group will be putting together! I am sure there won't be a dry eye in the house when our Year 2 children say goodbye to us. Please make sure you return your slip for the assemblies so we know how many adults to expect!

I wanted to say a huge thank you to our brilliant PTA who have worked so hard again this year to raise vital funds for school. The money they have raised this year has paid for the brilliant enrichment activities that we have organised for the children. These have included a Robotics workshop, author and poet visit and our brilliant theatre visit today. In total, these three activities cost £2800. Without the brilliant support of our PTA we could not afford to organise these wonderful events.

Thank you all for engaging with these events so kindly to support school. We appreciate your generosity, particularly during difficult times.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd July – Sports Day (AM)

Friday 5th July – Records of Achievement sent home

Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th July – Transition Days

Wednesday 10th July – Parent Walkabout (3.30-5pm)

Friday 12th July – PTA Summer Fair

Tuesday 16th July – Year 1 Celebration Assembly (2.15pm)

Wednesday 17th July – F2 Celebration Assembly (2.15pm)

Thursday 18th July – Year 2 Leavers Breakfast (9am)

Friday 19th July – school closes for the summer holiday

One Voice performance

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to Miss Wadsworth for preparing our One Voice group so well for the concert last Tuesday. It was amazing!! The children loved it and we hope the parent who were able to come and watch did too! Thank you so much for coming to support us; it was a really lovely day.

Staffing updates

As shared on our last newsletter, we have a few staffing changes as we go into the next academic year.

Mrs Green is retiring at the end of this term. Following Mrs Lilley leaving in April, Mrs Green has stepped in to be the Poppy Class teacher full time and we are very grateful to her for looking after the Poppies so wonderfully over the last term. Thank you so much Mrs Green! Mrs Green's final working day with us will be Tuesday 16th July.

Mrs Burrows is also sadly leaving us at the end of this term and her final working day will be Friday 19th July.

I am sure you will join us in thanking both of them for the wonderful support, guidance and care they have shown our children this year and the many years they have worked in school.

Eid celebrations

We hope all our families who celebrated Eid last week had a lovely time. Some parents have questioned why we require parents to inform us that they are celebrating Eid and I just want to reiterate this is for safeguarding purposes. We cannot presume the reason for a child's absence from school – parents must inform us. Some of our families celebrated Eid on Sunday, so we cannot assume that all children who were absent were celebrating. Thank you to everyone who has let us know. Please note that if we did not hear from you, the absence has been marked as unauthorised.

Sports Day 2024

Miss Wadsworth has now planned and organised our annual Sports Day event, which will take place on the morning of Wednesday 3rd July. The children will again be working in mixed year group teams linked to the Sitwell Superheroes. A letter with information about team colours has now been shared so you should know what colour t-shirt your child needs to wear. They can come dressed in their PE kit on this day and we will send their kits home with them the night before.

Parents and carers are more than welcome to join us for Sports Day. We normally finish the morning at about 11.30am. You can stay for the whole session or part of the morning.

PTA Summer Fair

Our amazing PTA are busy planning our final event of the year – our annual Summer Fair! **It will be held on Friday 12th July from 2.30pm – 4pm.** I am sure it is going to be just as amazing as last year! The poster about this event has been shared on the website and on Google Classroom – please take a look as there are key things happening throughout the day that you need to be aware of.

We are going to once again run our Rainbow Stall. Each class has been given a colour and they can come dressed in this colour on Friday 12th July for a £1 donation. We are asking for donations of items in each colour from each class and then these items will be put out for sale. There is a competition for the class that donates the most items and makes the most money that day!

As well as donations for the Rainbow Stall, we will have a range of other stalls that you can donate items for – we would love donations of toys, items for tombola prizes, buns, cakes and books. **We will begin to take these donations from Monday 8th July.** Please send food items into school on the day of the fair.

Wraparound Childcare

We are currently working on a wraparound childcare questionnaire so we can gather the views and needs of parents within our school community. At present, we do not offer full wrap around provision as our last information gathering exercise showed that there was not enough need at that time. We are conducting this again to ensure we are taking our current family's needs into consideration. The questionnaire will be emailed out this week. Please make sure to complete it if this is something that you need.

After School Clubs - September

We are in the process of planning our after school provision offer for September and a letter will be sent home next week for you to choose these for your child. We will let you know once we have confirmed places.

Uniform

We wanted to make you aware that due to the first couple of weeks in September being particularly busy, we will not be able to sell uniform during this time. We are asking parents to purchase any uniform they need for September now so that you are fully prepared. Please just log on to your School Money account and go to the shop to do this. If you are unsure about sizing, just pop

into reception and we can show you the items so you can check this for your child. Thank you.

Transition Plans

Please see below the outline of key information and dates that we have planned next half term to support you and your children through transition into their next year group:

Friday 5th July

Record of Achievement

Each child will come home with their Record of Achievement, which will detail their end of year assessments, attendance record and a class 'Pen Portrait' will also be included so you and your child are aware of their new class staff team. Children in Year 1 will also have their Phonics Screening Check result and children in F2 will have their EYFS Profile results.

Tuesday 9th July – Thursday 11th July

Transition visits

All children in school will move up to their new class for three full days. You will bring and collect your children as normal and we will organise them into their new classes once we have taken the register in their existing classroom. Children will then return to their class at the end of the day ready for collection at the normal place at home time.

Wednesday 10th July – 3.30 – 5pm

Parent Walkabout

Parents are invited into school to speak with their child's current class teacher if they have any questions about their Record of Achievement, as well as spend time visiting their child's new classroom. Our new teachers will be in school on this day so you can meet them.

Attendance

Children's attendance at school at this young age is so important – if children are regularly absent, there will be gaps in their learning that are very difficult to fill and this can impact upon their confidence and self-esteem, as well as their chances of reaching their potential academically. Our target as a school is to achieve 96% attendance for the year. Please see below attendance rates for the whole school, year groups and classes. As you can see, our figures are lower than our target.

ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR	
Whole school	93.7%
Roses	93.8%
Tulips	92.6%
Bluebells	94.4%
Poppies	94.5%
Snowdrops	93.6%
Sunflowers	93.5%
Buttercups	93.6%
Daisies	94%

Leave of absences

We have had several parents requesting leave of absences recently. We follow the LA attendance pathway and leave of absences are very rarely authorised, which means that any parents taking children out of school during term time will be fined. The fine is £60 per parent, per child for the absence. If more than one holiday is taken in 12 months, there may be court action taken against you.