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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 the Infants. Letters about the special assemblies will be sent home shortly. Please make sure you return your slip for the assemblies when they come home, so we know how many adults to expect!

We have noticed recently that we have a large number of children arriving late, after the register has been taken. We expect all children to be in school by the time we take the register at 8.45am each day. We have been analysing children's time that is lost by arriving late each day and this is quite significant. Letters are coming home this week to those families who need to make a clear improvement. Please ensure you have good routines in place at home so you can ensure your child arrives in school on time each day.

We are very much looking forward to spending these last few weeks together before the summer holidays. Thank you so much for your continued support as always.

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 1st July – Wear It Blue Day (Rotherham NHS)
- Wednesday 2nd July – Sports Day (AM)
- Wednesday 2nd July – Sports Day (2.30pm – Daffodil Class)
- Friday 11th July – Records of Achievement sent home
- Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th July – Transition Days
- Wednesday 16th July – Parent Walkabout (3.30-5pm)
- Friday 18th July – PTA Summer Fair (2.30 – 4pm)
- Tuesday 22nd July – Year 2 Leavers Breakfast (9am)
- Tuesday 22nd July – F2 Celebration Assembly (2.15pm)
- Wednesday 23rd July – Year 1 Celebration Assembly (9am)
- Wednesday 23rd July – school closes for the summer holidays

Wear It Blue day

We are going to be fundraising for Rotherham NHS Dementia appeal on Tuesday 1st July. Children are able to come to school dressed down in anything blue on this day. We are asking for a £1 donation for this worthwhile cause. You can follow the link here to make your donation online. We will also put this information on Google Classroom pages as well.

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 absolutely amazing!! The children loved it and we hope the parents who were able to come and watch did too! Thank you so much for coming to support us; it was a really lovely day and I am sure the children will have very fond memories to look back on.

Staff updates

As we move into the new academic year, we have some staff changes to make you aware of.

Over the summer, Miss Wadsworth will be moving from Bluebell Class to Buttercup Class and will become one of our Foundation 2 class teachers, alongside Miss Todd. Mrs Duffy will also be moving from Daisy Class to Bluebell Class and will join our KS1 team. Miss Hainsworth will be moving back into Daisy Class as she leads our new F1 provision. We are so excited to be welcoming our very first nursery class in school in September!

Sadly, Mrs Blackburn is retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Blackburn has worked as a TA and HLTA across all classes in school for nearly 20 years. I am sure you will join us in thanking her for the wonderful support, guidance and care she has shown our children this year and the many years she has worked in school. We hope you enjoy a wonderful retirement Mrs Blackburn! We are currently advertising for the HLTA position and you can find the information about this post on our website [here](#).

Eid celebrations

Thank you so much for all of your kind donations of food and treats for our annual Eid party yesterday. It was so lovely to welcome so many of you into school to share in this special occasion. The children loved the range of activities they took part in during the morning and they really enjoyed the yummy food in the afternoon! Thank you all for your generosity!

Sports Day 2025

We have now planned and organised our annual Sports Day event, which will take place on the morning of Wednesday 2nd July. The children will again be working in mixed year group teams linked to our 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.

Daffodil Class will be holding their own Sports Day in the afternoon on 2nd July. Parents are welcome to join us from 2.30pm.

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 11th 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 15th July – Thursday 17th 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 16th 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.

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 18th 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 14th July. Please send any perishable food items into school on the day of the fair.

After School Clubs – September

We are in the process of planning our after-school provision offer for September and a letter will be emailed next week with an online form for you to choose these for your child. We will let you know before the end of this term if your child has secured a place.

Purchasing 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 Arbor App 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. If you have younger children joining us in September, you are fine to order uniform for your younger child on your existing account.

Thank you.

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. **Our attendance for the year currently sits at 94.7%.** This figure is lower than our target. Please help us to increase this over the last few weeks of term by sending your child every day.

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 £80 per parent, per child for the absence, if it is paid within 21 days. If more than one holiday is taken in 12 months, there may be court action taken against you.