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21st April, 2023.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break – I hope you had a good time with your children and managed some break for yourselves! It was great to see that the playground had been completed for our return – I had only seen it being dug up earlier in the holiday, so it was very special to see the children's faces when they saw the lovely new surface and markings.

Star assembly

It will be a privilege to celebrate our early superstars in Star assembly later today. They are:

Y6: Dylan C and Layla-Rose I
Y5: Daisy C and Harvey H
Y4: Alex S and Jannat K
Y3: Erin T and Shenyar P
Y2: Archie F and Kaiden T
Y1: Zara J and Mona A
Reception: Zohair S and Bemenet M

Well done to all of these children. If children are not in school today we will celebrate their achievements in the next Star assembly.

Staffing

As we will be wishing Mrs Ville well for her maternity leave at the end of the half term, we are so pleased that Miss Gordon will continue to cover Year 1 for the rest of the year. In Year 2, Mrs Miller will continue to teach the class for the remainder of the year, with Miss Williams working with them up until half term. Miss Reeve has now resigned so will not be returning to school. We wish her well for the future.

We are currently recruiting for a new Deputy Head to support Miss Williams from September. The selection process will take place in two weeks' time and so hopefully we can inform you of a successful outcome before the end of the half term.



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Summer term calendar

We have updated this as far as we can and can also confirm the return date for September. School will start for the autumn term on **Thursday 7th September**. Reception children will have transition time over the **Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September** – half days in smaller groups. So they will be expected to attend both dates but for just half a day. We will confirm whether the slots are morning or afternoon with parents and carers later this term. The class will start full time for everyone from Monday 11th September. I hope this helps in making your holiday arrangements.

FUNdraising events

I have attached the schedule for our Friday events for your future planning. Let's hope the weather is kinder than it is today as we get fully into summer time!

Coronation celebration

By now you will all have received Miss Williams' letter about our planned afternoon on Friday 5th May to mark the coronation of King Charles (crossed fingers for a dry day!) **Please ensure you have filled out the form on the letter and return it by Friday 28th April at the very latest.** It is essential for safeguarding that we have the full name of the people coming to join your children (not just noted as gran or grandad for example) so that if they are not familiar to us we can do a name check. Also, if no adult is able to attend, we need to know whether or not you give your permission for your children to use the bouncy castle or slide. We cannot let them on this equipment without express permission and it would be such a shame for them to miss out if you would be happy for them to use it.

Industrial action dates

The NEU teachers' union are planning industrial strike action on 27th April and 2nd May. School will remain open as normal.

Y6 and Y2 SATs

Just a reminder that these are around the corner with Y6 SATs week commencing 9th May and Y2 the following week. What with the bank holidays we are already losing some valuable revision time in school, so please make sure attendance and punctuality is a priority. These last few weeks can and do make a difference in consolidating learning.



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That's all for this first week. Have a lovely weekend – Eid Mubarak to those of you celebrating over the weekend and Happy St George's Day on Sunday to those of you marking this occasion.

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth



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Summer term planner

Date	Event	Notes
Wednesday 25 th April	Height and weight checks – Reception and Y6 Y3 swimming (last Tuesday for this - 6 th June)	
Monday 1 st May	Early May bank holiday – school closed	
Friday 5 th May	Coronation picnic	Please refer to letter
Monday 8 th May	Coronation Bank holiday: school closed	
Tuesday 9 th May	Y6 SATs week	
Friday 12 th May	STAR assembly	
Monday 15 th May	Y2 SATs week	
Thursday 18 th May	Y4 trip to Lunt Fort	
Thursday 25 th May	Reception eye test	
Friday 26 th May	STAR assembly	
Half term holiday: Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June		
Monday 5 th June	Staff training day – school closed	
Tuesday 6 th June	Children return to school Last day for Y3 swimming Y4 Multiplication check all week	
Monday 12 th June	Y1 phonics screening check week Fathers' Day gifts will be on sale all of this week	
Tuesday 13 th June	Swimming starts for Y5: every Tuesday until 18 th July	
Friday 16 th June	STAR assembly	
Monday 26 th June	Y6 residential	
Tuesday 27 th June	Y6 residential	
Wednesday 28 th June	Y6 residential	
Monday 3 rd July	Sports day: Reception, Y1 and Y2	
Tuesday 4 th July	Sports day: Y3 – Y6	
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Day	Y6 will be on their visits to secondary schools and all classes will spend time with their new teachers for September.
Thursday 6 th July	Reports to parents/carers	
Friday 7 th July	Y2 trip to Twycross Zoo STAR assembly	Letter will be sent
Monday 10 th July	Arts week	
Tuesday 18 th July	Last day for Y5 swimming	
Wednesday 19 th July	Y6 leavers' party	Please note this date has been changed from 20.7.23
Monday 24 th July	Y6 leavers' assembly	
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of term	



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First day of autumn term 2023: Thursday 7th September

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FUNdraising Events Summer 2023

Friday 28 th April 3:30	Sweet Sale (in school playground)
Friday 5 th May 3:30	Coronation Picnic (on school field)
Friday 12 th May 3:30	Coronation Art Sale
Friday 19 th May 3:30	Books and Toys (in school playground)
Friday 26 th May 3:30	Biscuit Sale (in school playground)
Friday 9 th June 3:30	Cake Sale (in school playground)
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th June	Father's Day Sale (in school throughout week)
Friday 23 rd June 3:30	Ice Cream Sale (in school playground)
Friday 30 th June 3:30 - 4:30	Read and Relax (in school)
Friday 7 th July 3:30	Donut Sale (pre-orders only)
Friday 14 th July 3:30 - 5:00	Summer Fayre (on school field)