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24th March, 2023.

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's been another very busy week for everyone at school and the children have been working really hard on different assessments as we approach the end of the spring term. The staff and children have been buzzing all week as we found out on Monday that our new head teacher would be Miss Williams from September. I know lots of you have wished her well, as we all do.

I am also pleased to say that Miss Gordon will be continuing to teach Year 1 for the remainder of the year and I know a lot of parents and carers who have signed up to parents' evening will get the chance to meet her with Mrs Ville. Then, once the holiday is over we will begin looking for an excellent deputy head teacher to support Miss Williams in the new school year. I will keep you all informed about how this progresses.

Roofing updates

Due to the recent bad weather, the schedule is a little bit behind. The work will start on the kitchen roof in the holiday, but may not be completely finished. There is a possibility that the kitchen may be at least partially out of action so on the first Monday back, it may just be a sandwich lunch rather than a hot dinner. We will keep you posted.

Lunchboxes

We have noticed that lunchboxes are increasingly including sweets and chocolate which is against our food policy in school. Our policy is a very fair one, with the idea of moderation, so a small biscuit snack such as a Penguin or KitKat is fine, as is a small packet of crisps. Please make sure you adhere to this policy.

Disco tickets

If you would like your child to come to the disco next Friday, you **must** buy the tickets by **Wednesday 29th March** at the very latest. No exceptions will be made as food will have been bought based on numbers, and staffing will also have been safely organised. Thank you for your understanding.



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Toy sale

Thank you for your kind donations to the sale. The toys have been priced up and will vary from £1 to £5 to give you an indication of cost. Please come along after school today and see if there is anything you would like to buy.

Speaking to teachers

Just a reminder that if you want to speak to your child's teacher at the end of the day, you must wait until they have dismissed all of the children. This is obviously important for safeguarding as teachers must be vigilant as they release children to you, and check that anyone you have asked to collect your children has the right password.

SATS – Y2 and Y6

I cannot believe how quickly this year is going in and already we are just a few weeks away from SATS tests for Y6 from 9th May, and for Y2 from 15th May. It is vital that attendance remains high for children in these classes – every day counts enormously at this stage and we don't want them to be at a disadvantage because they have missed new learning or revision/intervention sessions. Please make every effort to ensure the children come to school on time every day unless they are too ill to be in school. Thank you.

Maths workshops

Thank you to parents and carers who came along to the Y3 workshop this week. It was very positively evaluated and we do hope you all found it useful.

I think that's it for now. I will write again next week and in the meantime please look out for any updates in the week by text or email. Please also see below the summer term planner which we will add to as time goes on.

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth



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Summer term planner

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 17 th April	School re-opens for the summer term	
Tuesday 18 th April	Swimming starts for Y3: every Tuesday until 6 th June	
Friday 28 th April	STAR assembly	
Monday 1 st May	Early May bank holiday – school closed	
Friday 5 th May	STAR assembly	
Monday 8 th May	Coronation Day – Bank holiday: school closed	
Tuesday 9 th May	Y6 SATs week	
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	
Friday 9 th June	STAR assembly	
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 23 rd 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	
Thursday 6 th July	Reports to parents/carers	
Friday 7 th July	STAR assembly	
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	