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29th April, 2022.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the summer term! The year just keeps speeding by and we have reached our shortest half term of all. It has been lovely to see shorts and summer dresses making an appearance - rather bravely considering the temperatures at the moment! As we are getting to the point of lots jumpers coming off in the playground, please do ensure that you have written your child's name/initials on the label.

School closures next week

Just a reminder that Monday is the bank holiday and school will also be closed to all children except Year 6 next Thursday for polling day. This is a compulsory attendance day for Year 6 as they will be doing their SATS tests the following week. The children can come into school in their own clothes, and a sandwich lunch will be available as the kitchen staff will not be able to have access to the main kitchen. School will be open from 8.00 am for the children, and if you usually need after school care, I will be on site until 5.30 pm so can provide this in the Y6 classroom. Please book this as usual so that we are clear about numbers. Children must come into school via the front entrance and be collected only from this entrance at the end of the school day at 3.15 pm, as we cannot interfere with the playground entrance route due to polling restrictions. If your child normally walks to and from school and we know about this, then that arrangement still stands. If you intend for them to do this for the first time, we must have written confirmation before Thursday.

Homework on Thursday 5th May

Unfortunately we were unable to have Year 2 children in school as well due to restrictions in the building. Because it is such a crucial time of year for their assessments, the children will be getting homework to do on Thursday, as will all other children. It was with reluctance that we had to close the school for the election, but I know it was a struggle for another venue to be found. We have already missed a lot of learning time over the past two years so it is essential that homework is completed, as it will be marked the following day.

COVID and attendance

This is certainly going to be a lively term as you will have seen from Miss Williams' letter about fundraising. We are also looking forward to school trips, some class assemblies and of course the Jubilee celebrations. It is lovely to start feeling like a proper school community again. We are still being cautious about COVID, but we really want our attendance rising again unless children are really not well enough for



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school. We still have a large number of children who have attendance below 90% without COVID absence being a factor. We are grateful that you were cautious as we advised during the worst of the pandemic in school and kept children off with mild symptoms just in case, or isolated just in case. We are now asking that children come into school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend so that they are able to catch up on learning.

Parent workshop

We have a qualified speech therapist, Rebecca Mpanza, coming to school on Friday 6th May to do a workshop with parents and carers from 9.15 – 10.45 am in the school hall. The workshop will be on vocabulary development, and Rebecca will discuss with you how to support your child with speaking and understanding. Please contact the school office or Mrs Stoiber, our SENCO if you want to book a free place.

Fundraising

Next Friday's fundraising event is candyfloss. For this sale you will have the option of pre-booking a bag by sending your child in with £1. This means it will be ready for them and they will bring it home at the end of the day. The candyfloss will be made in the spare Y2 classroom (next door to Miss Hookes - it will be signposted). If you want to come and get it freshly made, you can bring your child at the end of the day to buy it with you. Please be aware there may be a queue!

For all future fundraising events (including the candyfloss sale), children who attend after school clubs can bring £1 and purchase from Mrs Johnson's room at break time.

That's just about it for this week, so have a good long weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth



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