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Behaviour for Learning: Concentration
Value Word: Equality (equity)

Dear Parent / Carer,

Here are our attendance figures for each class:

Swans – 96%

Puffins – 97%

Toucans – 92%

Bluebirds - 96%

Robins – 93%

Kestrels – 95%

Eagles – 98%

Well done to Eagles who won a roll on Classopoly... again!

FUNdraising

Thank you to those of you who joined us for bingo last week – it was a wonderful turnout in the end and I suspect you enjoyed it as much as your children (and teachers) did! We are very much looking forward to Read and Relax tonight. It is our first one in a long time and is always a popular event.

Next week's FUNdraising sale is cheesy pizzas for £1 each. These must be pre-ordered by **Wednesday 6th May** as next week is a shorter school week with Bank Holiday Monday and polling day on Thursday. Your child should take their money to their class teacher to order their pizza, or parents can pay at the start of the school day using the card machine. The card machine is now also available to be in Breakfast Club and After School Club. Pizzas will be delivered to classrooms for children to take home as they leave on Friday 8th.

New Reception Intake

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception class in September – those new to us and siblings of children currently in school. We are excited to have almost a full list but we do still have a few places remaining.

We have some purchased some leaflets in the school office which we are trying to get out in the local community to spread the word about our wonderful school! If you are able to help us with this, if your child attends a club or you have younger children at nurseries who would be willing to

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put some in their Reception area, please see Pauline to collect some. Your help with this would be much appreciated.

Assessments

We are fully into assessment season in school at the moment! I have added the dates for Y1's Phonics Screening Checks and the MTC in Y4 to the calendar below. Year 6 are revising hard for their SATs and it has been wonderful to see such a large turnout for the morning club. Year 2 will also sit SATs, but they are no longer statutory, so we will be administering them beginning in the week commencing 8th June.

It is absolutely vital that your child has full attendance during test weeks. We would ask that you avoid making any appointments where possible and that they attend every day. It really would also benefit the children if they have a nice early night and a good breakfast during these test weeks... these things really do have an impact!

Clubs

As the lighter evenings have now returned, if you have given permission for your child to walk home (Y6 only) they will now be allowed to do so again after a club at 4:15. All clubs have now started and you will by now have been notified by the school office about paying for these clubs.

Thank you to those of you who (as requested) have paid for the club upfront. If you have not done so, you will be sent a reminder next week that payment is overdue. If this payment is not made by the end of next week, your child's place in the club will be offered to someone on the waiting list. As always, come and have a conversation with myself or Miss Hackett if money is an issue and we will support.

The Year 6 study morning club will finish on Friday 8th May. Miss Edwards will be sending a further letter out about SATs arrangements today.

Pro Strike

Well – in the last week our total raised has rocketed from £296 to £761! Thank you so much! Please remember your sponsors need to pay their money directly online. The sponsorship forms will be live until the event on the 15th May. You will find the QR code on the posters around school. We do have spare sponsorship forms so please just ask if you need a new one.

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Uniform Policy

Thank you for continuing to inform me of issues with footwear. We are very understanding that children grow quickly but school shoes, as you know, are part of our uniform policy. I would also like to draw your attention to this paragraph from our uniform policy:

Jewellery, hair and make up

- A small pair of stud earrings are acceptable – no other jewellery.
- Children who can tell the time (or are learning) can wear a watch. Smart watches are not allowed.
- Makeup is not permitted – this includes nail varnish.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- Other hair accessories such as alic bands, bows, hair clips and scrunchies should be in keeping with school uniform colours (blue and white) and should not have large flowers, glitter or other decoration items attached. These may need to be removed during PE sessions.

I wanted to bring your attention to this last point as we head towards the summer.

Battle of the Bands

From today until next Friday morning, Years 2–6 are taking part in an exciting **Battle of the Bands** on Times Tables Rock Stars!

If your child has a few spare minutes, please encourage them to jump on TTRockstars and help their class climb the leaderboard. Every correct answer earns points and brings them closer to victory!

★ Prizes up for grabs:

- Top players from each class will win a certificate
- The class with the highest overall score will earn a special **class reward** 🏆

And for our younger learners (Reception to Year 2):

We'll also be keeping an eye on progress in **NumBots!**

The **most improved players** will receive a certificate—so keep practising and watch those skills grow!

Let's get practising and make it a week full of maths, music, and fun!

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Reminders

- Please remember to pay for any upcoming trips your child may be attending.
- Please check the calendar dates below as we have had to make some changes. Sports Day is now on Wednesday 8th July due to transition day being on 1st July. We have also moved the Summer Fayre from Friday 3rd to Friday 10th to create less issues with closing ASC on this date.
- Please remember to close the gates after you when using breakfast club and after school club.
- It is important your child has their water bottle in school every day.
- There will be no normal After School Club on Friday 10th July due to the Summer Fayre taking place on this day.
- As children may now be wearing shorts and summer dresses, I would like to remind you they should be wearing **plain** white, grey or black school socks.
- Children should not be riding or scooting through the school playground – this includes younger and older siblings. Thank you.
- Please help our digital ambassadors by completing this form:

👉 <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/eh1qdK5hVU>

Kind regards,
Miss Williams

Dates for your Diary

* Please note – changes and additions are highlighted

Date	Event	Details
Thursday 7 th May	School closed for polling station	
Friday 8 th May	Pizza sale	Pre-orders only
Monday 11 th May	Y6 SATs	Details to follow
Tuesday 12 th May	Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo	Letter sent
Friday 15 th May	Pro Strike Football Fundraiser	Letter sent
Friday 22 nd May	Cake sale Break up	Details to follow
Monday 1 st June	Return to school Y4 MTC Week	Info above
Friday 5 th June	Summer Disco Year 3 swimming starts	Details to follow Details to follow - Fridays

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Monday 8th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check week Y2 SATs Week	Info above
Tuesday 9th June	Reception and Y1 trip to Botanical Gardens	Details to follow
Friday 12th June	Photos in a frame	Details to follow
15th – 17th June	Y6 residential	Letter sent – details to follow
Friday 19th June	Reception Class Assembly	Details to follow
Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th June	Father's Day Sale	Details to follow
Friday 19th June and Friday 26th June	Ice lolly and Ice cream Sale	Details to follow
Tuesday 30th June	Reception height and weight checks	Details to follow
Wednesday 1st July	Transition Day	Details to follow
Friday 3rd July	Y1 Class Assembly	Details to follow
Wednesday 8th July	Sports Day	Details to follow
Friday 10th July	Summer Fayre No After School Club	Details to follow
Friday 17th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly Break up for summer No After School Club	Details to follow

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