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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below our latest newsletter:

### **Staffing**

Mrs Ewins has been off for a few weeks now following a serious heart operation. I am absolutely delighted to say she is recovering well at home and hopes to start a gradual return to school during the summer term.

Miss V will be leaving on 30th April. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours. We have arranged for a cover teacher to take over this role for a few weeks with a view to Mrs Ewins taking over in the longer term.

## Summer Term trips/events planned:

To follow on from a busy spring term, we have some exciting trips/events planned in the summer term, including some whole school events such as: our author visit from Petr Horacek, a pyjama day and teddy bear's picnic (organised by the school council), a music concert, sports competitions, a workshop all about bees and pollination and another Boogie Bounce trampolining session (following the children's positive feedback from the autumn term!)

We also have trips planned for specific year groups such as: visiting the Leicester Space Centre, The Black Country Living Museum in Dudley and Ely Cathedral to name a few. For further dates and information please see the diary dates at the end of this newsletter.

### PE days for the first half of the summer term

The additional dance sessions that were running alongside our normal PE lessons have now finished and children will return to having PE twice a week. Please see the timetable below to see which days you will need to send your child in their PE kit. Please ensure that earrings are removed on PE days.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Year 2	Reception		Reception
	Year 3	Year 1		Year 1
	Year 4	Year 3		Year 2
	Year 6	Year 4		Year 5
		Year 5		Year 6





### **Water bottles**

Now that the weather is improving, please remember to send your child in with a water bottle each day. Bottles need to be see-through please to allow staff to monitor easily that children are drinking plenty of water throughout the day.

### **School Meal Price Increase**

As from April 1<sup>st</sup>, due to rising inflation, the cost of a key stage 2 school meal will increase to £2.50. Could we please ask that parents/carers remember to either pay in advance, or on the day at the latest, as we are not able to offer credit on school meals.

#### **Open Evenings**

We are planning on having an 'Open Classroom' session after school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April from 3.25pm -4.15pm. Parents/carers will be welcome to attend this after school session, where they will be able to visit their child's classroom to have a look through their books and chat with their class teacher on an informal basis.

## Key Stage 1 (Year 2) - SATs Testing - May 2024

This year the Key Stage 1 tests are scheduled to go ahead on the following dates:

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Reading Paper 1
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Maths - Arithmetic Paper
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Reading Paper 2
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Maths - Reasoning Paper
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper

It is <u>essential</u> that children attend school on these dates to complete their end of Key Stage 1 tests so please ensure you avoid any absence from school at this time unless it is absolutely essential.

### Key Stage 2 (Year 6) - Statutory SATs Testing - May 2024

This year the statutory Key Stage 2 tests are scheduled to go ahead on the following dates:

Monday 13 May 2024	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	English reading
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Mathematics paper 3

It is <u>essential</u> that children attend school on these dates to complete their end of Key Stage 2 tests so please ensure you avoid any absence from school at this time unless it is absolutely essential.

## Phonics - Year 1 Parent Workshop - 23rd April

In order to support parents with helping their children prepare for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, Miss Bown and Miss Jones will be leading a session for both children and their parents to attend, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 from 9.00-10.00am. Please come to the large hall after dropping off your child. After a presentation to parents, the children will come and join the adults in the hall to take part in an activity.

### **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**

This year we will be carrying out the **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. Please endeavour to ensure your child attends school on this day to support our administration.

### **Year 4 Multiplication Check**

During the w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024, Year 4 will undertake a Statutory Multiplication Check (MPC).

The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

Further details on this test will be sent out directly to Year 4 parents shortly.

#### **Parent Survey**

Today we will be sending out a link to parents to complete a parent survey. We would be very grateful if you could spare some time over the holidays to do this.

#### **Diary Dates**

Please find attached key diary dates for the remainder of the academic year to date. Nb – a small number of dates have altered from the letter sent out at the start of the year.

April	1 <sup>st</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> – School closed
	15 <sup>th</sup> – Staff Training Day (school closed)
	16 <sup>th</sup> - School reopens to pupils
	19 <sup>th</sup> – Year 5 school trip
	24 <sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Buddhism visitors in school
	26 <sup>th</sup> – Whole school author visit from Petr Horacek
	29 <sup>th</sup> - Open classroom session for all Year groups except Year 5 (3.25-4.15pm)
	w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> – Key Stage 1 SATS week
	30 <sup>th</sup> - Open classroom session for Year 5 (3.30-4.15pm)
May	1 <sup>st</sup> – Year 3 school trip
	6 <sup>th</sup> – School closed – May Day
	w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> - Key Stage 1 SATS Week
	w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> - Key Stage 2 SATS Week
	17 <sup>th</sup> – Teddy Bear's picnic and dress in pyjamas day
	w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> – Walk to School Week
	w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> – Whole school inter-house sports competitions
	w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> - Key Stage 1 SATS Week
	27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Half Term
June	3 <sup>rd</sup> - School reopens to pupils
	4th - Year 4 Multiplication Check (5 <sup>th</sup> as a reserve date)
	5 <sup>th</sup> - PSP meetings with parents (by invitation only)

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June	6 <sup>th</sup> – Year 4 school trip
	7 <sup>th</sup> – Frozen Fridays begins for the rest of term
	7 <sup>th</sup> – Catch-up swimming begins for identified Year 6 pupils
	11 <sup>th</sup> – Year 1 (and some Year 2) Phonics Screening Check
	12 <sup>th</sup> – Year 1 on school trip
	13 <sup>th</sup> – Whole School Bee and Pollination workshops
	14 <sup>th</sup> – Fathers' Day shop
	17 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6 school trip
	19 <sup>th</sup> – Welcome Meeting for New to reception Parents
^	20 <sup>th</sup> – Whole School Music Concert
	21 <sup>st</sup> – World Music Day
	21st – Whole School additional Boogie Bounce session
	w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> – Assessment Week
July	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> – New to reception children in from 1.00-3.00pm
	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Move Up afternoon for rest of school
	6 <sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fete (1.00-4.00pm)
	15 <sup>th</sup> – Sports Day
	16 <sup>th</sup> – Reserve Sports Day
	18 <sup>th</sup> - Disco (for Years Rec-5)
	19 <sup>th</sup> - Year 6 prom
	22 <sup>nd</sup> – Last day of term + Leavers Assembly

I hope you all have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you in the summer term.

Yours sincerely

Miss Bell

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