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Friday 6th May, 2016

Dear Parents,

Archery club

We still have only two children attending. If more do not come forward it is likely we will have to cancel this club before long. The club offers the chance to learn and develop a new skill and was well-attended last term. We hope you will continue to support it.

School dinners

Mrs. Rayner and the kitchen staff have noted that children are throwing away quite a lot of their food at lunchtimes, despite the Midday Staff asking them to eat up their lunches. This may well be because they are rushing to get outside to play now that the weather is nicer. Could parents please talk to their children about eating up their lunches to reduce waste and ensure they have the energy they need for learning. We will be pushing the same message in school next week.

Summer weather

At last summer seems to be with us. Can I remind parents that sunhats are a very good idea at this time of year, reducing the risk of sunburn and heat stroke.

SATs and Breakfast

Next week is SATs week in Year 6. We are providing a free breakfast to try and get the children off to a good start. The menu will include a bacon sandwich, fruit, orange juice or water and yoghurt. Breakfast will run from 8 a.m. in the hall. On Friday next week we have arranged an archery session and an extra games/PE session to provide a bit of light relief after the testing! Good luck to the children – I know they will try their best.

School Uniform

Can I remind parents that school uniform is only on sale on Thursdays after school. Thank you.

School attendance

Well done to Year 1 this week! Best attendance with 100%. Overall we managed 97.4%, which is above target. This is good news. Since September attendance is now running at 95.4%, which is a considerable improvement – thank you for your co-operation. As we move into SATs and a period of assessment, please ensure your child is in school every day. I will not be authorising absence, except in the case of genuine illness, particularly in Years 2 and 6 at this important time.

Class	Attendance
Reception	99.1%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	95.4%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	95.1%
Year 6	96.6%

Achievement awards

a) *Good to be green*

The following children received achievement certificates: Kyan Griffith, Kenia O’Gorman, Oliver Reader, Molly Whitby, Ella Lines, Phoebe Axten-Mattingley, Nicole Misquitta, Lacey Fitt, Okan Arslan, Chloe Wright, Jack Layn, George Exell, Sidnee Adams and Ellie Clark. Well done!

b) Lunchtime awards

The following children were picked out by our midday staff as behaving particularly well: Peter Full, Olivia Rolfe, Oliver Ryan and Shelby Gathercole. Well done!

c) Maths awards

We awarded certificates for progress in maths this week to: Deacon Barnes, Tilly Judge, Lana-Mai Smith, George Harrison, Dannielle Martin, Livvy Rolfe and Harvey Wilson. Well done.

d) Writing awards

Certificates for progress in writing go this week to: Philip Harrington, Ellie-May Mitcham, Lily Raven, Jack Judge, Flynn Dawson, Harry Balding and Lily Jones. Well done!

e) Lexia certificates

This week these children improved their reading skills using the Lexia programme: Tiffany Clarke and Lana-Mai Smith. Well done!

Art competition

On Thursday 26th may we will be holding an exhibition of the children's art work in the afternoon to which parents will be invited. Over the next few weeks we will be working on a variety of art themes in class and running a competition for the best art work as well.

Dates for the diary

- SATs week for Year 6 will be from Monday 9th May. Good attendance that week is essential.
- Sports day will be on Thursday June 16th with Reception and Key Stage 1 classes in the morning and Key Stage 2 classes in the afternoon. We have put a reserve date of Thursday 30th June in the diary just in case the weather is bad. More information to follow.
- We will hold an open afternoon on Monday 18th July from 2.30 p.m. More information to follow.
- Half term will be Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June. Term ends on Thursday 21st July.
- We have a training day planned for Monday 20th June. School will be closed.
- **Next term (2016/17) we have two training days planned for the beginning of the year. Term will begin for children in Years 1 – 6 on Monday 5th September, 2016.**

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher