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Welcome to Summer

20th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year. I hope you all enjoyed a chocolate filled Easter Holiday – the chocolate was certainly flowing in my house, possibly a little too much!

As we enter the final term of the year it is important that children continue to arrive at school on time and come to school each day in order to keep making outstanding progress in their learning.

The whole school theme for this term is ‘Adventurous Explorers’ and each class will be looking at a different element of the theme. You will all receive an individual class newsletter with more information about the topic your child is learning about. If you would like any further information about what your child is learning, please look under the ‘Curriculum’ tab on our school website. The curriculum page provides you with more detailed information.

Adventurous Explorers	
Year group	Topic
FS1 and FS2 (EYFS)	Pack up and Go
1 and 2	An African Adventure
3 and 4	The Shang Dynasty Quest
5 and 6	Unsinkable

We are all hoping that the weather will continue to improve so that the children can enjoy the sunshine! As the weather improves, please ensure you send your child/ren with appropriate clothing, including a sunhat and sun cream. Keeping safe in the sun is vital for pupils to remain healthy.

We are now in the final countdown for Year 6 and Year 2 SATs. Both classes have worked hard throughout their school journey and are well prepared for the SATs – we know they are going to approach them with confidence and determination, putting into practise everything they have learnt so far in their school life.

Our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs on Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May. (Pupils are asked to come for 8am breakfast club each day, we will provide them with either a sausage or bacon sandwich or vegan/vegetarian alternative). GOOD LUCK Year 6 – you are going to smash it!

Our Year 2 children will be completing a series of SATs paper during the week of 15th May. Pupils in Year 2 have a longer time period for their SATs, with more rest breaks. GO FOR IT Year 2 – you have all worked hard this year.

**(Please see further one in newsletter for a more detailed breakdown of the term)*

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PE Kit

Thank you to anyone who has ensured their child has the correct PE kit. We still have a small number of children with either no PE Kit or an incorrect one. Please read below to see what your child needs to be wearing on PE days.

- 1) Yellow or white plain t-shirt
- 2) Plain black shorts/leggings or joggers
- 3) Plain black hoody/sweater

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for your continued efforts with attendance and punctuality. We have seen the overall school attendance figure continue to rise – this is down to everyone’s support.

I know that many families are wanting to take holidays in this next term, the office have already seen an increase in holiday request forms. Please remember that **NO** holidays are authorised and that if your child misses **10 or more sessions**, then you will be referred to the Local Authority for a possible fine. (1 day = 2 sessions) Please note, it is **NOT** the school that make the decision on fining, it is the Local Authority.

This term we are continuing to reward high class attendance on a weekly basis. The two winning year groups each week will be given 10 minutes time to build up over the term. At the end of the summer term, each class that has built up time will be given their allocation as ‘Golden Time’ to spend as they wish. (For example: if a class wins the highest attendance 3 times during the term, they will have built up 30 minutes of Golden Time). The more times they win the highest attendance of the week – the more golden time they will receive.

Here are some key reminders:

- If children arrive after 9am registration is closed and children will be classed as not in attendance for that session. (morning)
- The attendance team will continue to ring parents to discuss attendance concerns and work together to make improvements
- If you receive a letter to arrange a meeting regarding attendance, please do not ignore the letter, ring the office to make an appointment
- We will continue to meet with the children in school whose attendance has dropped below 96%
- Holidays are **NOT** authorised and if your child misses 10 or more sessions (1 session = a morning or an afternoon - therefore 10 sessions is 5 days) then you will be referred to the Local Authority who may issue you with a fine.
- A holiday request form **must** be completed and handed to the office beforehand.

New statutory guidance on attendance has been published for schools to comply with and this takes effect from September. This will mean some slight changes to how and when we talk to you about your child’s attendance/absence. It is essential that we continue to work together to overcome any barriers pupils/families have in relation attending school each day.

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Safeguarding

We have been made aware of several 'Whatsapp' groups that are being used to make mean comments about other children. This is predominantly within our upper Key Stage 2 classes, therefore please be extra vigilant in checking your child's mobile phone usage.

The whole school have been fortunate enough to have had a workshop on Pedestrian Skills this week. Each year group focused on different elements of being safe on/near the road. Our children talked about STOP LOOK Listen, the importance of wearing bright clothes, wearing a helmet when riding a bike and the importance of wearing a seat belt when in a car.

Educational experiences

We want to ensure we provide quality learning opportunities for pupils and have considered very carefully our educational experiences for this year, taking into account keeping costs as low as possible, whilst still providing pupils with quality learning.

You will already be aware that the summer term educational visits have been attached to your parentpay accounts. We have tried to give more time for these visits to be paid so that you are able to pay in instalments. The school budget substantially subsidises each educational experience as we are keen to continue to provide these opportunities for pupils.

If you have not already paid please make every effort to before the deadline for each visit. We do not want to cancel any experiences for this term. Remember, your child only has permission to attend through your making a payment, this also gives them full permission.

Thank you to anyone who has already paid, it is most appreciated.

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Important dates

Date	Event
Monday 24 th April – Thursday 4 th May	Year 5 Swimming daily
Monday 1 st May	School closed – May Bank holiday
Friday 5 th May	Kings Coronation Celebration Day <i>Pupils to wear red/white and blue (this will replace this month's express yourself Friday)</i>
Monday 8 th	School closed – Kings Coronation Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week <i>(Pupils to come for breakfast club at 8am)</i>
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th May	Year 2 SATs week
Friday 19 th May	Reception Class – Williams Den Visit <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack to carry with them)</i>
Friday 26 th May	Last day – Half term
Wednesday 7 th June	Pupils return to school
Thursday 8 th June	Year 5/6 Educational Visit <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack with the to carry for the day)</i>
Monday 12 th and Tuesday 13 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screening assessment
Wednesday 14 th June	Foundation Stage Sports morning (Nursery and Reception) 9am – 10.30am on the school field, all welcome
Thursday 15 th June	Key Stage 2 (Yr3/4/5/6) Sports morning 9am – 11am on the school field, all welcome
Thursday 15 th June	Key Stage 1 (Yr1/2) Sports afternoon 1.30 – 2.30pm on the school field, all welcome
Monday 19 th June	Foundation Stage Dad's Day Celebration <i>(More details to follow)</i>
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 1/2 Educational Visit – Yorkshire Wildlife Park <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack with the to carry for the day)</i>
Wednesday 21 st and Wednesday 29 th June	New Reception Parent Meeting <i>(Further details to follow)</i>
Tuesday 27 th June	Reception Educational Visit – Scarborough <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack with the to carry for the day)</i>

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Wednesday 28 th June	Year 5/6 Welton Waters <i>(Further details to follow)</i>
Friday 30 th June	Year 5 – Race for Life <i>(Further details to follow)</i>
Thursday 4 th July	Year 3/4 Educational Visit – Eureka! <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack with the to carry for the day)</i>
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th July	Year 6 Transition week – all pupils to attend new Secondary school
Monday 10 th July	Year 1/2 Dalby Forest Experience <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack with the to carry for the day)</i>
Thursday 13 th July	Whole School Transition day <i>(All pupils will spend the day in their new class with their new teacher)</i>
Monday 17 th July	Year 6 Family picnic (1pm – 3pm) <i>(Further details will follow)</i>
Monday 17 th July	Reception/Year 1 and 2 Reports <i>(Reports will be sent via parent pay)</i>
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 3 and 4 Reports <i>(Reports will be sent via parent pay)</i>
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Concert (5pm start in the school hall) <i>(All Year 6 parents welcome)</i>
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 5 and 6 Reports <i>(Reports will be sent via parent pay)</i>
Friday 21 st July	Last day of the year

Thank you for you continued support

Miss Howard

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