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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back after the Easter break. I hope that you all had a pleasant fortnight, and were able to have fun with the children.

Don't forget that school is closed on the following days:

Monday 2nd May – May Bank Holiday
Thursday 5th May – General Election
Monday 16th May – INSET Day
Thursday 23rd June – Referendum
Friday 7th July – Eid-UI-Fitr

As always this term will be a busy one. There are a lot of planned events which you have dates for and I hope to see many of you at lots of them. There are occasional changes (for example the INSET day for this term – see below) and we will keep you updated with those. Please keep a close eye on the website and the newsletters sent out.



We will be doing a **whole school storytelling project** at the end of the term, to put into practice the new approach that we have recently started to use – Talk for Writing. We have already started to plan for this, and hope that it will be a fun and successful way to end the term for the children. We will keep you informed as to how you can get involved.

The **new arrangements for the playground** are working well. The children are certainly enjoying having the extra space, and are liking the new equipment that we have bought. The newly appointed Playground Pals are helping the younger children to play games and are working hard to make sure that all is running smoothly. It will continue to evolve as time goes on, but it has been a very positive start.



We had the **Young Enterprise** team in again yesterday for the annual workshops that they run for the KS2 classes. All the children in Years 3 to 5 had a day's workshop learning about the world of work, creating a thriving community, the importance of work, saving and budgeting money. Each year they build on what they learned in the workshops the previous year. The children thoroughly enjoyed the days, and could talk really enthusiastically to me about what they learned, and how they learned it. Thank you to BLP, our reading volunteers, who once again paid for the sessions, and sent along lots and lots of volunteers to help the sessions run smoothly. We are really grateful to them for their continued support.

The children and staff in **Year 2 and Year 6** are working hard at the moment to ensure that they are ready for the **tests and assessments** that they will be completing next month. It has been a tricky year as the government have made a lot of changes to the assessment systems being done in schools, and indeed are continuing to make changes at this late stage. The staff across the school are all working to make sure that the children are as ready as we can get them for the tests and assessments, and the children all know that all we expect is for them to have tried hard and produced their best!



Some dates for next term for your diaries:

POLLING DAY – Thursday 5th May – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
INSET DAY – Monday 16th May – **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN**
Science Fair – Wednesday 25th May
Referendum – Thursday 23rd June – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Open Futures Day – Wednesday 29th June
Whole School Storytelling project – 4th – 15th July
Eid-UI-Fitr – Thursday 7th July – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Sports Days – 12th – 14th July
International Food Fair – Friday 15th July
Parents' Evening – Wednesday July 13th (4-6pm)



ASSEMBLIES

Passover (Jewish) – Wednesday 27th April

Eid-UI-Fitr (Muslim) – Wednesday 6th July
Leavers' Assembly – Friday 22nd July

Summer half term – Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June
End of Summer Term – Friday 22nd July 1:30pm
Autumn Term start (for children) – Monday 5th Sept

Class photos will be being done as usual towards the end of the term – when the weather is better so that they can be done outside. I will keep you posted as to when this will be.



Have a lovely weekend!
Kate McGee
Headteacher