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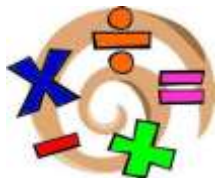
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Dear Parents / Carers

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

Monday 16th May - INSET Day
Thursday 23rd June - Referendum
Friday 7th July - Eid-UI-Fitr



A reminder that we are **closed on Monday, an INSET day for staff training**. The focus will be maths. In September we will be introducing a new way of teaching maths that is based on Singapore methods. The staff and children in Year 5 have been trialling it this year so that we could evaluate it and see if it is right for our children. It has been very successful, and the children have really enjoyed the challenge. Monday's training is to introduce the methods and resources to the staff so that we are prepared in September to start Maths No Problem in all classes.

Year 6 have completed their SATs this week. Staff across the school and the children have worked hard to ensure that they were ready for the week, and the children did themselves proud with the mature way in which they tackled the week. Well done to them. The focus for the rest of the year is to ensure that they are ready for their move to secondary school in September.

Year 2 are being assessed throughout May, and the staff are working hard to ensure that the children are able to be assessed without them being aware of what is happening.

You will be aware from various news stories that there is a lot of controversy over the tests, and assessment in general, this year. The most important thing for us is to ensure that the children feel that their hard work is resulting in good progress, and to know that all we expect is for them to have tried hard and produced their best.



There are lots of **events** going on over the rest of this term which we are busy preparing for! Please keep an eye on the website and letters being sent home with more information.

There are a lot of **educational visits** going on as well this term. These are an excellent way of ensuring that the children have first-hand experiences to deepen and strengthen their learning, and you can see the results of this in the work that they produce following visits. Venues range from art galleries to zoos and farms, places of worship to museums. Thank you to you all for supporting these visits by accompanying classes where necessary, and by seeing the value in these trips.

As the weather is finally getting warmer, a few reminders. **Summer uniform** is navy blue, black or grey shorts or trousers with a white or light blue polo shirt; pinafore dresses or skirts should be navy or black; cardigans or jumpers worn should be navy blue. Please ensure that the children are wearing clothes that cover their shoulders and this will protect them from the sun at lunchtime. As the sun gets stronger it is a good idea for them to have a hat to wear as well - please make sure that these are clearly marked with their name and class. We encourage children to bring in water to drink throughout the day - it must be water though, and not flavoured drinks please.



I need your help please! There seems to have been an increase in **litter** being dropped in the playground, and in the streets immediately surrounding the school. This obviously looks horrible. Can you please keep reminding the children to throw rubbish in the bins so that we can help keep the environment looking clean and tidy. Thank you!

Some dates for next term for your diaries:

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

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

