

2nd May 2018
(Letter 13)

Dear Parents / Carers

This information has been on the website for some time, but a reminder that:

**The school is closed on
Thursday 3rd May – Polling Day
and on Friday 22nd June – INSET Day (training for staff)**



The **INSET day** for staff on June 22nd is to enable training for staff as we make some significant changes to the way in which we teach the curriculum to the children, and to help us to develop more creative ways for the children to engage and learn. The new approach will be starting in September, but there is a lot of work and planning to do before that is ready to happen.

Thank you to all those that completed the **parent survey** at the end of last term. It is good to know that the overwhelming response is very positive and that as parents you are really happy with the school and the learning that your child is doing. There were some very interesting suggestions made, and we are in the process of looking to see which we are able to implement quickly, and which might need some more time to plan in. We will keep you informed as to how your suggestions have helped us to continue to make improvements.



The **new summer menus** have now started, and you should have copies of them. I am in the process of arranging another **menu tasting session** for the week before half term so that you will be able to taste some of the new meals, which will help you to encourage your child to try some new dishes. Details about this will be sent out soon.

I was visited by a past parent last week who came in to tell me how well his daughter was doing. She is now in Year 11, so left us a little while ago. **Tamanna** has autism, and has been working really hard to raise awareness of autism and to raise money for the National Autistic Society. She currently features on their website as a star fundraiser where she talks about all that she is doing in school – running a food stall to make money, leading assemblies for the Year 7 children. It is lovely to see her doing so well! Her dad came into school to tell us about it, and to thank us for all our hard work with her.



In the final week before half term we will be holding our annual **fundraiser for UNICEF**. This has always proved to be a very successful day, and lots of fun. It is a combination of fundraising for UNICEF and learning about the work that they do across the world. All of the classes will be taking part, as well as there being events for parents to join. More information will be coming out soon.

One of the ideas that has been suggested recently by both parents and staff is for the school to hold a **Summer Fete**. We really like the idea of this, and are currently planning to combine this with the International Food Fair on July 13th. There are currently lots of ideas being discussed as to what this might involve! If you have any good ideas, or would like to be more involved then please come and talk to us.



Some dates for next term for your diaries:

Taster Session for the new menus – week beginning 21st May
UNICEF Fundraiser – Friday 25th May
Online Safety Week – 2nd – 6th July
NEW EVENT Summer Fete – date to be decided
Sports Days – Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th July
International Food Fair / Summer Fete – Friday 13th July
Parents' Evenings – July 11th



ASSEMBLIES

Ascension Day (Christian) – Wed 9th May
Eid (Muslim) – Wed 20th June
Leavers' Assembly – Fri 20th July

As always if you want to speak to me you can find me in the playground at the beginning and end of each day.

Kate McGee
Headteacher

