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NEWSLETTER 28

DATE 29 April 2022

Next half term our school value is Integrity

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week I have been contacted by a couple of parents asking for some information to be shared in the newsletter.

Swimming following the Ofsted inspection we began to evaluate our timetable, both the weekly timetable and the yearly timetable. One of the things we noticed was that the way that swimming was organised was not time effective and that a much better way to organise this was to change the time of year and the year group where the children had swimming lessons. Swimming and water safety are an important part of the curriculum and are something that we will be reviewing over the next year. Swimming will now take place in Y6 during the second half of the Summer term, the current Year 6's are the first year group to have missed some of the swimming that they would have had in Y4. Going forward all children will get the opportunity to swim when in Y6 and water safety will be taught in early years.

Bike helmets We all know that wearing a helmet when on our bikes is important, but did you know that a recent study found that wearing a helmet reduced the odds of suffering a head injury by 51 per cent, a serious head injury by 69 per cent and a fatal head injury by 65 per cent. It is also really important to wear and fit your helmet correctly, this link gives you some more information on this <https://www.bikeradar.com/advice/sizing-and-fit/how-to-wear-bike-helmet/>

One of our Year 6's recently fell off his bike and the injuries were quite worrying to look at. You will be pleased to hear that he is ok, but it is a timely reminder to us all of the importance of wearing a Helmet.

Ofsted update We are still working hard to develop the key areas of the report, one of these is curriculum. Last term I spoke about how we were developing the Science, History and Art curriculum, this is well underway, and staff across the school are using the plans this term in their teaching. We have now started the same process with Geography, Computing and DT and I am sure there will be some more updates soon on this. We are also moving at a good pace with the reading and phonics development. We have our new resources for the Little Wandle programme in school and the staff are keen to get started with the initial assessment tools. We have also started ordering books that are correctly book matched to the phonics programme.

Finally we are fully expecting to be having a restriction free sports day this year and enjoying being back to normal. More information will follow as the finer details are organised and decided.

Mrs M. Janes
Headteacher



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Class 6** (for great manners and listening) & **Class 11** (for good manners in the dining room).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Class 9** with **98.5%**.



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Outside Achievements



Thomas and Clark from Year 2 have earned new badges at Beavers for: Teamwork, Book Reader, Builder, Disability Awareness and joining in. They were also part of the St George's Parade on Sunday and both boys carried the flag for their Beaver colony.

Well done boys!



Monday 23 May



Queens Jubilee

MENU

HOT FOOD

Chicken à la Queen

Chicken in a creamy white sauce with mushrooms and sweet peppers,

OR

Jewelled Vegetables

Crowned with a Yorkshire Pudding

Roasted vegetables with a golden yorkshire pudding

Served with Rice or Herb Roasted New Potatoes, Carrots & Broccoli

Tilda rice or seasoned potatoes and vegetables

Deconstructed Black Forest Gateau

Chocolate cake with whip cream and berries

OR

Ice-Cream

Vanilla flavoured

Yellow option: Cream Cheese and Cucumber Roll

Blue option: Jacket Potato



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Reminders:

- If your child is going to be picked up by someone else, please inform the office. Thank you.
- When on school property, please make sure that you and your children walk scooters and bikes through the grounds.
- It is important to us that we are able to address parent/carer concerns, please ensure that you bring these to the class teacher or the office and do not approach children directly.
- Please be considerate of local residents and follow the Highway Code by not parking on yellow lines outside of the school and across people's drives.

Monday 2 May	Tuesday 3 May	Wednesday 4 May	Thursday 5 May	Friday 6 May
BANK HOLIDAY	Menu 3	Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm	Y6 Cricket Club 3.20pm – 4.20pm Home Netball Match 3.30pm-4.45pm	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 9 May	Tuesday 10 May	Wednesday 11 May	Thursday 12 May	Friday 13 May
Menu 1		Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm	Y6 Cricket Club 3.20pm – 4.20pm	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 16 May	Tuesday 17 May	Wednesday 18 May	Thursday 19 May	Friday 20 May
Menu 2		Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm		Y6 Swimming Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.30pm-4.15pm)
Monday 23 May	Tuesday 24 May	Wednesday 25 May	Thursday 26 May	Friday 27 May
Queens Jubilee Menu	Menu 3	Cheerleading 3.15pm-4.15pm	Y6 Cricket Club 3.20pm – 4.20pm	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
<i>Queen's Jubilee Week</i>				
				



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Term Dates Academic Year 2022 / 2023



Summer Term 2022



Monday 2 May

Friday 27 May

Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Monday 6 June

Friday 22 July

- **May Day Bank Holiday**

- **INSET Day 5** - school closed to children

- Half Term (*including the Spring Bank Holiday and additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*)

- First day of term for pupils

- Last day of term – finish at 2.15pm

Academic Year 2022

KS1 – Y2 Testing window is the whole month of May 2022.

KS1 – Y1 Phonics is 6 – 17 June 2022.

KS2 – Y4 Multiplication Test is 6 – 24 June 2022.

KS2 – Y6 9 – 12 May 2022.

Please ensure you do not book any family holidays during test times, as they will be unauthorised.

Academic Year 2022 / 2023

24 October 2022 - 28 October 2022

22 December 2022 - 4 January 2023

13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023

3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023

29 May 2023 – 2 June 2023

24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023

- Half term holiday

- Christmas holiday

- Half term holiday

- Easter holiday

- Half term holiday

- Summer holiday

Thursday 1 September 2022

Friday 2 September 2022

Friday 25 November 2022

Monday 28 November 2022

Monday 20 February 2023

Friday 26 May 2023

- **INSET Day 1** - school closed to children

- **INSET Day 2** - school closed to children

- **INSET Day 3** - school closed to children

- Occasional Day - school closed to children

- **INSET Day 4** - school closed to children

- **INSET Day 5** - school closed to children