

Friday 10th June 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed the half term break and the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. We have a very busy schedule this half term including achievement assemblies, a music concert and productions. Key dates can be seen on the school website, on school gates and will be sent home separately with your child. The learning continues right up to the last day on Thursday 21st July and it is important that children attend every day until then. Children only have 189 school days this year and every one counts!

Sports Day is on Friday 1st July and we are hoping for good weather. On this day children need to bring their PE kits of a plain white t-shirt and green shorts or plain black jogging bottoms. This forms part of our keeping healthy week and during this week there will be a number of opportunities for children to take part in sports and activities as well as learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Please help us with this by making sure that packed lunches contain food which will help growing learners. We do not allow chocolate bars, fizzy drinks or crisps to be eaten in our lunch hall or playgrounds and encourage children to try out snacks such as carrot sticks and raisins which have less sugar and more vitamins.

Please make sure that you have made an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher for our Summer Term parents evening, which is on Thursday 7th July. You can book a time by either logging onto our booking system or by calling the school office. Letters will go out next week. We encourage all parents to come and take advantage of this opportunity to talk about how your child has got on this year and find out what you can do to further support them at home.

Our school Governors held their termly meeting in the week before half term. They have agreed the Federation budget and have been discussing standards at each school as well as risks related to national issues such as recruitment. We hope that the Governors' newsletter sent out last term was useful in understanding more about who they are and what they do, there will be another newsletter later this term to update you.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Aimee Walker
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

YEAR 6 FASHION COLLEGE

This week, Year 6 had the opportunity to go to the London College of Fashion. They learned about how fashion can tell a story, celebrate culture and how it can influence society. In teams, they designed a dress for the Queen using 'draping' to create a prototype.



YEAR 5 KENCH HILL

The Year 5 pupils who attended Kench Hill had a fantastic time! The children learned how to bake bread, they tried archery as well as developing their team work and leadership skills. Pupils spent time exploring the beach, the local forest and the Kench Hill grounds.



SCIENCE DAY

At the end of last half term, we celebrated Science Day with the theme of *Reaction Action!* Children across the school had an opportunity to experience and explore a range of unusual scientific phenomena. In Year 4, children explored film canister rockets, considering how water temperature affects the rocket's launch.



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME SO THAT CLASSES ARE NOT INTERRUPTED.



YEAR 2 HISTORY

In Year 2, pupils have started learning about the Titanic in History. This week, they explored different historical sources and asked questions about how and why the Titanic sank. Children then learned the key events of this disastrous voyage and were able to retell these with each other.



YEAR 1 SPANISH

Last term, children in Year 1 explored the months of the year (*los meses del año*) in Spanish. Pupils learned new vocabulary through a song and accompanying actions. They then applied this new knowledge and listening skills to complete a partner application task.



COFFEE MORNINGS

As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, all parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held on the ground floor at 9:15am.

Date	Focus
Friday 17 th June	Literacy: What strategies can I use to help my child learn and apply their spellings including handwriting?
Thursday 23 rd June	Keeping Healthy: What does keeping healthy mean and what can we do at home to support this?
Friday 1 st July	Transitions: How can I prepare my child for transition to a new class?
Friday 8 th July	Summer Holiday activities: What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 15 th July	Parent Reading Celebration Event for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

KEY DATES

Summer Term 2022

Children's Start Date:
Monday 6th June 2022

Staff Training Day:
Friday 24th June 2022

Keeping Healthy Week
(including sports day):
Starts Monday 27th June 2022

Parents Evening:
Thursday 7th July 2022

End of Term Finish Date:
Thursday 21st July 2022 at 2pm

Staff Training Day:
Friday 22nd July 2022

Autumn Term 2022
Staff Training Day:
Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September

Children's Start Date:
Monday 5th September

Meet the Teacher:
Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Thursday
15th September 2022

**Bring a Dad/Significant Male
to School Day:**
Wednesday 28th September 2022

World Week & Democracy Day:
Monday 17th October 2022–
Friday 21st October 2022

Half Term Holiday:
Monday 24th October 2022 -
Friday 28th October 2022

Children Start Date:
Monday 31st October 2022
Parents Evening:
Thursday 8th December 2022

End of Term Finish Date:
Friday 16th December 2022 at 2pm

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ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!
Whole school attendance for last week before Half Term was **93.8%**
Well done to Elder Class
the weekly winners with **98.6%**.

