



## DATES

### MAY

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** – Bank Holiday  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Personal Safety session with Year 6 (pm)  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>** – VE Day  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** – **YEAR 6 SATS WEEK**  
**14<sup>th</sup> May** – Parents to view books in school hall  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Communion for Year 4  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Parents' Appointments week  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – School closes for ½ term at 3.30pm  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Holy Communion for Year 4

### JUNE

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** – School reopens at 8.50am  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** – **YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK WEEK**  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** – **YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK WEEK**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Class Photos for Reception and Year 6  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Year 5 out at Aintree Racecourse  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Transition day for ALL pupils – Year 6 to Secondary schools.

### JULY

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Rocksteady Concert at 10.00  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Year 5 curriculum day at Maricourt  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** – REPORTS sent home  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – School closes for the summer holidays at 1.00pm & After School Club closes at 3.00pm

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### CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

This week, we have been reflecting on JUSTICE & FAIRNESS. This ties in with so many aspects of our curriculum, not just into RE, prayer or assemblies. We focused on a wonderful quote from Pope Francis, which was perfect for our reflection.

*"We are all equal – all of us – but this truth is not recognized, this equality is not recognized, and for this reason some people are, we can say, happier than others. But this is not a right!*

*We all have the same rights.*

*When we do not see this, society is unjust. It does not follow the rule of justice, and where there is no justice, there cannot be peace. I would like to repeat this with you: where there is no justice, there is no peace!"*

Such wonderful words from an inspirational Pope, who will be sorely missed by us all for his wisdom and kindness.

### SPORTING STARS

Wow...a host of sporting activities have been taking place over the past two weeks. Last week, our Year 1 children attended a football event at Chesterfield and came away with the bronze...a stunning achievement! Year 6 were also involved in an athletic event at Maricourt with MADCOS schools and came 2<sup>nd</sup>! We've some great sport starts in that class.

The football teams have been in full flow too.

Both boys and girls played against Aintree Davenhill in tough matches. The boys lost their match and the girls won theirs, 2-0. Boys beat St Thomas' 2-0 but lost to Summerhill 2-4. The girls went on to beat Summerhill 3-0 and Greenpark 3-0. Amazing efforts all round. This does mean that our GIRLS are undefeated! What a team. Well done to everyone taking part.

### **ATTENDANCE**

We are noticing a rise in absences at the moment, especially directly before or after holidays or weekends. As part of our monitoring, we are now keeping a spreadsheet which shows frequency and reasons for absence. Although not unheard of, most children don't tend to get vomiting and/or diarrhoea more than once in a school year, and siblings don't often tend to get the same illness at exactly the same time.

**If patterns of absence are highlighted, or attendance falls below 90%, our Education Welfare Officer may be sent to the home just to check on children as part of our attendance and safeguarding procedures.**

### **RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION**

HUGE thanks to all those parents who were able to attend yesterday's meeting on our school's Relationship & Sex Education program. It was a great turnout; we are so please it was well received and we were able to get some positive and constructive feedback.

We will be sending out the curriculum map specifically for this subject. It includes the language taught in each year group, the themes and the topics covered. It is so important to know that correct terminology is taught from Year 1. This is so all children become comfortable with the terminology but it's also a safeguarding and protection need for our young children.

Huge thanks to Miss. Mawtus for organising the meeting and ensuring that all of our parents had an opportunity to hear and discuss our curriculum content.

Relationships & Sex Education is taught throughout the year, with many cross-curricular aspects in PSHE, RE and Science. Please have a look at our curriculum maps on the school website if you'd like more information.

### **UNIFORM**

Just a quick reminder regarding the school uniform. As part of our school identity, and preparing children for secondary school and working life, we have a uniform policy which parents and children must abide to. We have ensured that our uniform options are as low cost as possible, to include branded and non-branded items and simple, readily available items which are available in almost all supermarkets.

PLEASE ensure that children have red tee-shirts and black shorts for PE and plain black tops and joggers. Branded and logoed items are not allowed, nor are leggings and low cut gym tops. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **DATES FOR DIARIES**

Please keep up-to-date with the dates on the front page of the newsletter. Dates are added each week as events are organised. Parents Appointments are booked in for May, apart from Year 6 which have already taken place. More information will be sent home closer to the time.

### **SUN CREAM, CAPS AND WATER BOTTLES**

We recommend that parents apply a long-lasting sun cream to children before they come to school. Many supermarkets now sell high factors that last all day. If you think your child needs a reapplication on sunny days, children can bring some sun cream in and apply it themselves.

Caps are also recommended on sunny days so please send one in with your child or keep one in their bookbag if you'd like to.

All children need a water bottle at all times, that can be refilled if needed, especially in the hot weather.

### **ATTENDANCE**

This week's attendance can be seen below. **The school target is 96% - as represented by the black line.**

**WOW – our second-best attendance of the year and the first time 6 classes have been over target. Well done everyone – superb!**

