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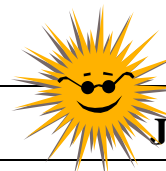
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Message from the Headteacher...

We're now into the "final run" as we work towards the end of the school year! There's so much to pack in, not least with the many sporting activities. It is an important time for our Year 6s who will be visiting their new secondary schools as well as making the most of their last few weeks at St. Andrew's. We had a great time in the Lake District just before half-term. The children were a pleasure to be with and a great credit to both their parents and the school.

There will be another newsletter coming out at the beginning of July with details of end of term events and arrangements for next year.

Dates for your diary

June

- 6 Non-Pupil Day
- 13 Governors' Curriculum Committee
- 15 Year 4 trip to Colchester Zoo
- 17 Year 6 Lake District Assembly, 2.20pm
- 20 Year 3 trip to Tropical Wings
Year 5 Taster Day at Great Baddow High School
Governors' Finance, Personnel and Premises Committee
- 21 Junior Music Festival at The Maltings Academy
- 24 Choir and Cakes, 2.30pm
- 27 Year 5 trip to Mersea
- 30 Sports Day, 1.15pm (all welcome)

July

- 7 Induction evening for parents of new Year 3 children, 7.00pm
- 11 Full Governing Body Meeting
- 13 District Sports Open Evening (with the infants) 6.00-8.00pm
- 14 JSA Disco, Years 3-5
- 19, 20 Year 6 Production, 7.00pm, (Admission limited to 2 guests per family each night)
- 21 Year 6 Leavers' Service, 10.00am
Year 6 Leavers' disco, 7.00pm
- 22 Last day of term

September

- 1 Non-pupil day
- 2 Non-pupil day
- 5 Children return to school



Summer sunshine (we hope!)

The warmer weather brings with it the potential hazards from the sun. When it is hot the children are able to wear caps at playtime to protect their heads and faces. School caps are available from the office for £4.00. We do not allow sunglasses to be worn (unless there are medical reasons). The children may bring sun protection cream to school but must be able to apply it themselves. There are some longer lasting creams on the market that could be applied at home before the children come to school – this would be preferable. We do encourage them to make use of the drinking fountains around the school – this does not just apply at break times but also during the day when it becomes hot and stuffy in the classrooms.

Many children choose to enjoy the sunshine playing out on the field and playground at break times but there are some areas of shade for the children to sit quietly. Staff will continue to be vigilant during hot spells to ensure that the children enjoy the sunshine safely!



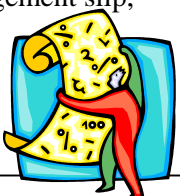
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Reports

The end of term report reflects your child's achievement against the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum. The format of the report follows statutory requirements from the Department for Education. The teachers try to present you with a balanced view which offers comments against the appropriate National Curriculum statements which have been taught through the year. They will mention areas that your child still needs to work on as they move into the next year. They also add their own general comment. Obviously, this makes report writing more time consuming than writing bland comments that mean little, e.g. "could do better", but it should ensure that you know what your child is achieving at school.

The parents' evenings in the autumn and spring terms ensure that teachers and parents are aware of progress and of any concerns. Some of you will have had other meetings during the year where there have been some specific concerns expressed by either the teachers or yourselves. The report is designed to "round off" the year. You should receive your child's report on Friday 3rd July. We would ask you to sign the acknowledgement slip, add your own comment on your child's progress and return it to the teacher as soon as possible; we need to know that all the reports get home.



Sponsored Fun Run, three-legged and skip

So far the children have raised £1655.80 from this event. They have chosen to split this between Cancer Research and improvements in the playground. There's still more to come but well done everyone!



Summer Term Clubs – from half term

Tuesday:

12.30-12.55 Cricket, Y5/6 Mr Morgan
Choir, Y3-6 Mrs Black

Wednesday:

8.00-8.40 11+ Club, Y5 Mr James
(by invitation)

3.15-4.15 Playing Cards and lego, Y3-6 Mrs Arnold

3.15-4.00 Athletics, Y3-6 Mr James
Mrs Spilling

Thursday:

3.15-4.15 High 5, Y3-6 Mrs McQueen
Miss Brennan

Friday:

3.15-4.00 Golf, Y4-6 Mr Ferguson

School Term Dates 2016/17

These are available to download on the website. Paper copies are available from the office.

Governors' Corner

We received 96 returns from the recent questionnaire and the results are shown below. A full set of results, which includes additional comments made, is available on the school website.

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know
1	My child is happy at this school	57%	36%	6%		1%
2	My child feels safe at this school	62%	36%	1%		1%
3	My child makes good progress at this school	42%	58%			
4	My child is well looked after at this school	56%	43%			1%
5	My child is taught well at this school	48%	48%	4%		
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	28%	60%	8%		4%
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	47%	48%	1%		4%
8	This school deals effectively with bullying	22%	49%	1%		27%
9	This school is well led and managed	54%	40%	1%		5%
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	43%	48%	2%		6%
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	41%	50%	8%		1%
12	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	Yes 98%		No 2%		



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