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### Headteacher Messages

#### End of Term in four weeks: we can't believe it!

Just a final reminder that we finish on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 with our Year 6 leavers being waved off with all our best wishes for the next stage of their education. We will allow them to leave last so we can line the driveway and cheer them on their way!

We are also going to be giving Brenda Copeland from the kitchen a big send off after 35 years of working in the school kitchen. If you would like to contribute to her leaving present, please pass a donation to the office.

Mrs Clarkson will also be leaving us and, I am sure, you will take the opportunity to say goodbye as she has been our Year 1 teacher for five years so most of your children would have had their good foundations of learning delivered by her.

We have been so proud of your children this year. I am currently writing my Headteacher comments on their reports and they make wonderful reading – you will receive them in July. The children have really begun to thrive with the new curriculum and their strong phonics. Please can I urge you to continue to read with your children as this will help to embed the phonics and develop reading fluency and comprehension: without this support, we can not make the progress we need.

#### Breakfast and After School Club September 2023

The price of breakfast and after school club have been changed: we must increase slightly in cost in-line with running costs. We have kept this as low as possible and it continues to be non-profit making.

The prices for September are:

Breakfast: 7.30-8.30am is £4 including breakfast

8.00 – 8.30am is £2

After school with snack: 3-4pm is £3    3-5pm is £5.

#### School Dinners

The Trust have heavily subsidised school dinners this year and we are now in a position where this can no longer happen. We are currently in negotiation with Chartwells to review prices, however, the indication is that there will be an increase to prices in September. I will let you know as far in advance as possible, what this price will look like. Your child can still bring in their own packed lunch if this is your preference.

#### Updates to School Building

##### Barrier Arm

The new barrier will be fully operational at the end of this week to ensure safety on the driveway. Please only come up the driveway if you are a 'blue badge holder' and have agreed permission.

##### Playground

We are currently developing Reception playground and we are planning for a new reading hut and outdoor planting areas. Watch this space!

### Defibrillator

This is now in school and staff have completed training on it. If there is a local emergency, it is registered so it can be used inside of school hours. This is an internally stored unit.

### Tarmac

There will be repairs to some areas over the summer holidays that have become worn and tired.

### Perspex

Next week there will be work carried out to repair the pre-nursery shelter and put an end panel on the nursery to make this a more usable and sheltered area for the children.

### Sports Day

27<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day 1 (weather dependant)

#### Timings

9:00 – 9:45 – Nursery and Reception

10:30 – 11:30 – Year 1 and 2

1 – 1:55 – Year 3 and 4

2:00 – 2:55 – Year 5 and 6

*Please send your children in their PE kit on this day*

#### Final Dates for Diary

5<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Transition Day @ CCSC

7<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Alton Towers

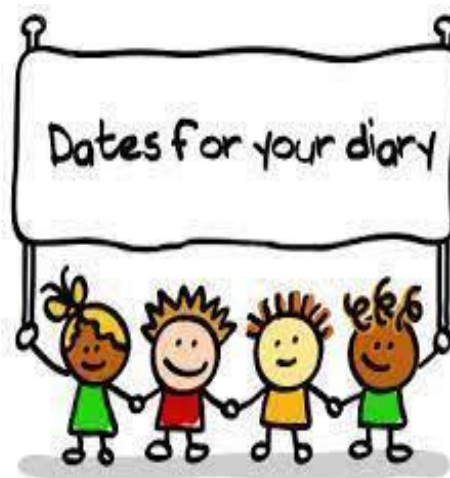
10<sup>th</sup> July: Year 1 Sea Aquarium Rhyl

12-14<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Residential Day Willersley Castle

14<sup>th</sup> July: Hoglets in school

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July: Bouncy Castle booked

20<sup>th</sup> July: Leaver's Assembly/ Non-uniform day and end of school year



### School Uniform Reminder: Change to PE Kit

Our uniform for PE will be changing to a non-badged option. If your child has school PE kit then please continue to use this until they have grown out of it.

- White T-Shirt
- Black Shorts plain and unbranded
- Plain Tracksuit Bottoms and Hoody (if needed) Black or Navy for Winter Weather

This PE uniform can be purchased from any supermarket or shop as there is no requirement for logos.

**NB** Please make sure that ALL clothing is clearly labelled with child's name. (Sew-in labels or marker pen are ideal for this purpose).

### New and Used Uniform

We are happy for you to call in and look at the 'preloved' uniform available prior to September. There are some 'as new' items: shorts, trousers, pinafores and skirts in a range of sizes for £1 an item. We also have a range of 'preloved shoes' in very good condition for £2 a pair that may help you out! Please have a clear out and bring in any outgrown items that may help others – it's a well-used support and is much appreciated by our school community.

New uniform can be ordered with the office ready for September: the sooner the better! This will then be ready for collection on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September as the office will be open prior to the children starting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

School Terms and Holiday Dates 2023 – 2024

**Autumn Term 2023**

**Training day:** Monday 4 September

**Term starts:** Tuesday 5 September

**Holiday:** Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November

**Training day:** Monday 6 November

**Term starts:** Tuesday 7 November

**Term ends:** Thursday 21 December

**Training day:** Friday 22 December

*Spring Term 2024*

**Term starts:** Monday 8 January

**Holiday:** Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

**Term ends:** Friday 22 March

**Holiday:** Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 31 March

*Summer Term 2024*

**Term starts:** Monday 8 April

**May Day:** Monday 6 May

Term Ends: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Training Day: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Holiday:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 May

**Training Day:** Monday 24 June 2024

**Term ends:** Friday 19 July

As always, please avoid booking holidays in term-time and plan holidays to tie in with these dates. They can only be authorised if they are 'exceptional' circumstances. I have limited capacity to authorise holidays. Our registers as our externally checked and there are strict guidelines in place.

**Just a reminder of the staffing structure for next year**

Staffing 2023-24		
Headteacher/Safeguarding Lead/SENCo		Helen Swindells
Early Years Leader		Lemara Rotherham
Teaching Staff		
Class	Teacher/Responsibility	Teaching Assistants
Pre-Nursery	Mrs Pugh	Miss Nicholls
Nursery	Mrs Smith	
Reception	Mrs Rotherham	Ms Taylor
		Miss Keegan
		Mrs Henson
Year 1	Miss Whitworth	Mrs Nixon
Year 2	Miss Grocott	
Year 3	Miss Woodley	Mrs Hill
Year 4	Mark Hanson	
	Maths leader	Mrs Birks

Year 5	Mrs Rettinger	Miss Jones (safeguarding deputy)	
Year 6	Miss Mandley		
PE Teacher		Mr Heeks	
Site Manager		Mr Parsons	
Administrator		Mrs Stevenson	
Office Manager		Mrs Plant	
Breakfast Club and After School Club 1-1 Support		Miss Hill	