19th April 2023

Dear Parent and Carers

We are heading into our final term of this academic year. The Summer term is always a packed term with transition visits, sports day, Barnstondale, Summer fair and leavers’ assembly.

Summer dresses can be worn this term. Girls normally wear burghundy or red Summer dresses – these can be bought in local supermarkets. Also, as the weather improves children will not need to bring their coats to school, however, we do request you apply sun lotion before they come to school if the day looks sunny and hot. Sun caps can also be worn.

**Strikes**

Two more further national strike days have been called by the teaching unions. The dates are Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. If they go ahead school will have to close due to not having enough staff to keep the children safe. The strikes may be cancelled if an agreement is sought between the unions and the government. If this happens it will be announced on the news and school will open as normal.

**Coronation Celebration**

On **Friday 5th May**, we will hold our coronation celebrations. Children can come to school in something red, blue or white as non uniform. We will also be having a whole school picnic at lunchtime. Lunch on this day will be picnic food with themed cup cakes. Letters will go out offering the lunch to all pupils. We are hoping to eat outside, so we need the sun to shine!

**Forest Schools**

Foxes and Tigers start their sessions this Thursday. Children can come to school in old clothes on these days. Each class will do 2 sessions to earn their Forest School Skills Award.

Thursday 20th and 4th May (presuming strike goes ahead on 27th April) – Foxes and Tigers

Thursday 11th May and 18th May – Giraffes and Zebras

Thursday 25th May and 8th June – Bears and Wolves

**Barnstondale**

The year 6 residential is nearly here so forms have been sent out to parents. Please return the forms as soon as possible, as without them your child cannot attend the residential. The forms request important medical information.

**Leavers’ hoodies**

The closing date for ordering a leavers’ hoody is next Friday, 28th April. Please send in your order form and money if you would like one. Nearly all of year 6 have ordered one so I have agreed with them that they can wear them as their school jumper for the rest of the term when they arrive. Please put your child’s name in it so they don’t lose it.

**School Jumpers**

School jumpers can be ordered through the office for next year. Please send in how many you would like and the money.

Prices

Jumpers £11

Cardigans - £12

School bag - £7.50

**Reflexology**

This week we have another intervention starting, reflexology. 5 children will access the weekly program by the qualified therapist. The aim is for the children to receive a therapy which promotes the body’ healing responses. The main benefit is stress reduction and the improvement of overall general well being. Parental consent will be requested for the children chosen to access the therapy.

**Important Dates**

20th April Reflexology begins

Forest School – Foxes and Tigers

Chester Trip – Giraffes

27th April Potential Strike day – school will close if goes ahead

1st May Bank holiday

2nd May Potential Strike day – school will close if goes ahead

4th May Forest School – Foxes and Tigers

5th May Coronation celebrations – non uniform (Red blue white) and picnic

8th May Bank holiday for Coronation

11th May Forest School – Giraffes and Zebras

Hive Sports event – Zebras

18th May Forest School – Giraffes and Zebras

22nd May Science Week - whole school

25th May Forest School – Wolves and Bears

29th – 2nd June Half Term

5th June School Inset Day – school closed

6th June Pupils back to school

7th – 9th June Barnstondale Y6

**Future Notice**

Transition day for pupils to go to their new schools - Wednesday 5th July.

Sports Day is booked in for the morning of Friday 14th July – Parents are invited.

Leavers assembly and Summer Fair – Wednesday 19th July – Parents invited.

More activities will be added as the term goes along.

Please make sure you check your emails regularly as this is the way we send important information to you. Also, if you would like to see photos of your child taking part in all of the exciting enrichment activities we offer at school, then please follow us on Facebook.

Thanks for all your support.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact me.

Mrs Duncan