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Dear Parents/Carers

Incredibly, we are reaching the end of another fantastic school year! When I wrote my termly report to the Governing Body I was amazed to recall all the different activities and events that the school has been involved in this year. Even so, there is more excitement yet to come.

Triathlon

KS2 will be heading off to Samuel Ryder Academy on Monday to participate in the triathlon. Parents are welcome to come along and support their children. Year 3 start us off at 11:30 am and other year groups will compete in age order. We anticipate being back at school no later than 1:30pm. Children should have packed lunches and plenty of water – see Mr Harries' previous letter for more details.

Sports Assembly - Thursday 16th July at 9am

Next Thursday is our Sports Assembly. Children who have represented the school at district sporting events, will be recognised and trophies will be awarded. Parents are welcome to join us for this.

Aladdin Trouble

Our incredible end of year performance had its matinee performance this afternoon and has another two evening performances on Monday and Tuesday, starting at 6pm. Children should arrive back at school at 5:30pm. We cannot be responsible for children arriving at school earlier than this.

Although Year 6 take the main acting roles in these, the whole school is involved in singing the delightful songs that are a key part of the performance. Therefore it is expected that *every child* returns to school on these evenings. I regard this as part of the parent/school partnership agreement. Public performance, drama, music and participation in community events are all part of your child's education.

Our request for costumes for Reception to Year 5 was intended to reduce the burden on parents by asking for coloured T-shirts that you might already have or could buy cheaply at any number of stores. I am therefore disappointed to see that some parents have not supported their child by providing them with a costume. Changing into a different outfit makes the event feel special for children and helps them to feel part of the team.



Chorister Outreach Project

Earlier this year we were invited to participate in the Chorister Outreach Project. This involved a specialist singing teacher visiting the school once a week for ten weeks and culminated in a performance at St Albans Abbey. It was stunning! I was incredibly proud of our children; their singing was amazing, their behaviour impeccable (as usual!) and their enjoyment in participating in such an opportunity was clear to see.

Certificate Assembly - Friday 17th July at 9am

As you know at the end of each term we recognise the achievements of our children - academic and social - at a certificate assembly. Parents of pupils who will be receiving a certificate should have received an invitation to the assembly. We will also be presenting ties to children in Year 2 who are moving onto KS2.

Leavers Assembly - Friday 17th July at 1:30pm

We will be saying good-bye to our Year 6 pupils at our Leavers' Assembly on Friday afternoon. Many of these children have been with us since Reception seven years ago and they have been a credit to the school in so many ways.

Windermere Avenue Rubbish

Despite regular rubbish collections by the local council, a resident in a neighbouring road appears to be putting household rubbish in the bins at the mid-point of Windermere Avenue. Some of this rubbish is potentially hazardous, so I would ask parents to be vigilant if they or their children use the bin.

Uniforms

I have noticed that some children have been coming to school in soiled and dirty shirts or dresses. Even though it is the end of term, it is expected that children will come to school washed and dressed in clean clothing. Whilst young children in particular often spill food and get messy, at the beginning of the day they should start with clean clothes. Failing to provide clean clothing for your child is neglectful.

If you need new uniform for next year, please make sure that you pick up an order form from the office so that it can be ordered for September.

End of Term

Friday is the end of the academic year, so **we will finish at 2pm**.

Children may bring toys to play with during the morning. They should not be expensive, electric, electronic or any form of weapon (I tried hard to think of an appropriate word beginning with 'e' but without success!).

Your child should bring a plastic bag into school at the beginning of the week, so that they can bring home the treasures they have accumulated throughout the year. Most children will bring some of their books home at the end of the year. However, some books will be retained as evidence of progress and attainment.

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