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Dear Parents and Carers,

SATs

This week Year 6 have been sitting their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). They (and Mrs Thomas and Mrs Baskerville) have worked incredibly hard for these tests and I am sure they will have done themselves proud. After each test the papers are sealed into special bags and then collected by courier to be taken away and marked; we won't have the results until the beginning of July.

For us this is a very public measure of the work we do with your children. However, you will all recognise that in reality what is important is how happy and confident your children are and how much they love learning.

Going to a good home...

Following our building work we have a number of concrete slabs left over. If you would be able to use these in your own garden, then please ask at the office.

Unwanted

Sadly, a small, blue and yellow bike has been left abandoned and homeless in our bike shelter. It has now been there unclaimed and unloved for a couple of months. If its rightful owner does not reclaim it before half term and you are able to offer it a caring home, then please ask at the office.

Afternoon Tea

It is great to have an opportunity to see what everyone has been up to in the class sharing assemblies, but it is difficult to fit them all in when we have Sports Day, Secondary Transfer Day and the end of year production. This term we will be taking a slightly different approach. Instead of the usual class assembly, classes will provide afternoon tea for their parents (and carers), whilst their parents will have an opportunity to look at the children's books and chat with other parents. We will be asking for donations of cakes and biscuits for these events. They will take place at the end of either a Thursday or Friday afternoon and will be arranged in year group pairs i.e. Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6. Reception will have their very own tea event. See the attached list of diary dates for details of your class's tea.

End of Year Production

Another diary entry you must keep free is the end of year production. Previously Year 6 have had a leavers' performance that is seen simply by their own parents. Year 6 will now be taking the main acting parts in the end of year performance of *Alice in Wonderland*, but other year groups will be supporting them with singing and dancing. It will be similar to the Christmas performance, but with Year 6 leading rather than Year 2 and hopefully fewer donkeys (if any). It is also very unlikely that Baby Jesus will make an appearance!

We are certain that this will be a very popular social event this season, so due to overwhelming demand there will be a dress rehearsal which will be suitable for young children and then an afternoon performance and two evening performances. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Summer Fair – Saturday 21st June

The social whirl never ends. The annual Summer Fair is not to be missed! There will be a host of activities and stalls for all ages. Helpers are warmly welcomed – please contact Lucy or Kathryn if you can lend a hand. If you are not able to come in person, you can still participate by buying a book of raffle tickets. They will be coming out after half term.

Water Bottles and Sun Safety

The weather has been steadily improving and everyone has been enjoying the sunshine and warmth. Unfortunately some children are still not bringing water bottles to school. These are essential. Your child risks suffering from dehydration and heatstroke if they are not able to get a drink of water, particularly after running around at lunchtime.

It is also important that your child has a sunhat and has had sun cream applied before coming to school in the morning.

Walk to School Week

Next week is Walk to School Week. Buster the Steposaurus is encouraging children in Hertfordshire to walk, scoot or cycle to school every day. This is healthier for us and the planet! Every journey made on foot, scooter or bike next week will earn a footprint on the class map of Hertfordshire. The class with the most footprints (pro rata to allow for differences in class sizes) will earn an extra playtime. Throughout the week Buster will be visiting different locations in the county and there will be clues given to see if the children can find out where he is.

Sports Day and Learning Together Week

Our Learning Together Week this term focuses on the Commonwealth Games and sporting activities. One of the main events of the week will be Sports Day. This will be on Tuesday 24th June. During the morning the children will participate in a carousel of physical challenges. In the afternoon parents are invited to join us in watching the races. We are also hoping to arrange another duathlon around this time, but this has yet to be confirmed.

Parents' Forum

The views of our parents are very important to us. The governors run a regular parents' forum at which parents are encouraged to make suggestions and ask questions on a variety of topics. The Sex and Relationships Education Policy was reviewed and revised following a parents' forum meeting and similarly our curriculum evenings (which will be repeated in the autumn term) arose from questions at a parents' forum. The next meeting will be Friday 20th June at 9 am.

School Uniform

Please remember that our school uniform is grey school trousers or shorts and not jogging bottoms. If, for reasons of modesty, girls wish to wear leggings with their summer dress or skirt, these must be full length leggings and not $\frac{3}{4}$ length ones. School uniform is not a fashion statement.

Inset Days

Don't forget that we have linked some of our training days to the half term holiday so that parents are able to take advantage of an extra day at either end of half term. School finishes at 3.15pm on THURSDAY 22nd MAY and starts again on TUESDAY 3rd JUNE. I hope you all have an enjoyable break and come back refreshed and ready for the many events planned next half term.

Mrs D Raftery
Headteacher



Pin me up
and keep
me safe!

Diary Dates for Summer 2014

19 th May – 22 nd May	Walk to School Week
23 rd May	Occasional day – school closed to pupils
2 nd June	Staff training day – school closed to pupils
3rd June	Back to School
5 th June	K'nex Challenge for Years 4 and 5
9 th June – 13 th June	KS1 Assessment week (SATs)
12 th June	Father's Day Make
16 th June – 20 th June	Phonics Screening Check – Year 1 and some Year 2
17 th June and 19 th June	District Sports – Athletics
20 th June	Parents' Forum
20 th June	Year 3 and Year 4 Afternoon Tea Party
21st June	Summer Fair
23 rd June – 26 th June	Learning Together Week – Commonwealth Games
23 rd June	Year 6 Transition Workshop at Fleetville Junior School
24th 25 th June	Sports Day
27 th June	Training day – school closed to pupils
2 nd July	Kwik Cricket Tournament
3 rd July	Reception Afternoon Tea Party
4 th July	Year 2 Visit to Childwickbury Arts Fair
8 th July – 9 th July	Year 4 Residential Visit to Phasels Wood
10 th July	Year 1 and Year 2 Afternoon Tea Party
11 th July	Dress Rehearsal for <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>
12 th July	Afternoon Performance – <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>
13 th July and 14 th July	Evening Performance – <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>
22 nd July	Sports Awards Assembly
22 nd July	Year 6 rounders and pizza
23 rd July	Certificate Assembly
23rd July	End of Term finish at 2pm.