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Dear Parents/Carers

Sports Week

As you will have seen from Mr Harries' letter, next week is our Sports Week. It is essential that your child has their PE kit and a water bottle in school every day. Parents are welcome to join us on Tuesday afternoon from 1:30pm.

Remember that if you have allowed your child to fast for Ramadan, they may not participate in any of the sporting activities as they may become dangerously dehydrated. I am always pleased to see young people demonstrating a commitment and dedication, however I am concerned that one or two children are using our concerns for their health and safety to avoid participating in PE and other sporting activities. Tuesday's sports day and Wednesday's field events are, in particular, days when the whole school community come together and earn house points which go towards earning the House Cup. Unless your child has been fasting throughout Ramadan, I would like them to participate in those two days.

Parents Evening – 'The Bells, The Bells'

Last night was the first of our parent consultation evenings for this term. Some parents asked about the absence of the fire bell. This is intentional. I know that historically the fire bell has been used to signal the end of each ten minute appointment. Unfortunately the bell is not automatic and has to be manually rung every ten minutes. Whilst this is not a difficult task for me (although I admit to being easily distracted), it does mean that I am not available to parents who would like to talk to me. Consequently if parents are waiting for the bell and I don't ring it until after exactly ten minutes, then the next person gets less time in order to catch up. Parents must keep an eye on the time and go down to the hall at their appointed time, if the teacher has to fetch you then you will have less time to discuss your child. Similarly you must not be offended if the teacher says at the end of ten minutes that they must move on to another parent. If your discussion is not finished then please make an appointment after school for another day.

Holiday Homework

Some parents have asked about the CGP study books for the summer holidays to ensure their child keeps focused and practices their skills throughout the six week holiday. At the beginning of next week I will send out an order form so that you can benefit from the school's discount prices.



Headteacher for the Day

At the summer fair there was an opportunity to be 'Headteacher for the Day'. I looked at all the entries very carefully, but then picked the winner out at random! So on Monday 29th June, Maleha Zaman in Year 2 will be the headteacher. I am sure she will do an excellent job and will have a great time doing a very varied and interesting role.

Aladdin Trouble – Costumes

Almost as soon as Sports Week is over we will be performing our end of year production – *Aladdin Trouble*. A letter about tickets will be coming out on Monday. Costumes should be in school no later than MONDAY 6th JULY, preferably Friday, 3rd July. Please put them in a named carrier bag. T-shirts must be plain, no logos, and with short sleeves (not camisole style).

Reception and Year 1: Black PE Shorts or leggings and White T-shirts (CLEAN PE tops are fine).

Year 2 and Year 3: Light blue or white T-shirts with black shorts or leggings.

Year 4 and Year 5: Blue (dark, light or turquoise/aqua) T-shirts with black shorts or leggings.

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