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Dear Parents

It was lovely to see so many of our parents at last night's Open Evening. I could see from my walk around how proud the children were to be able to show you the culmination of all their hard work. I hope that you were able to meet your child's teacher for next year. We have arranged for all the children to spend time with their new teachers next Wednesday morning to get a feel for things before September.

We are always very sad to see our Year 6 children leave and have a number of special events planned this week.

Leavers' Service - Monday 16th July

We are holding our Leavers' Service in St Mary's Church at 9.45am on Monday. Y2 - 6 will attend and parents are also welcome. Please could parents sit in the side pews of the church.

Y6 Show

The Y6 children are performing at 2pm on Tuesday and 7pm on Wednesday. Y6 parents will have received two programmes for each show so please bring these with you as they double as your entry ticket. Yellow programmes are for the Tuesday performance and green programmes are for Wednesday. Please do not arrive before 1.30pm on Tuesday as we will still be clearing the lunch hall or before 6.30pm on Wednesday as school will be locked until then. Buggies cannot be taken into the large hall but can be left in the dinner hall.

Y6 SATS

We are so pleased with our SATS results this year which are above the National Average in everything.
88% of our children reached the expected standard in Maths (National 76%)
88% of our children reached the expected standard in Writing (National 76%)
76% of our children reached the expected standard in Reading (National 75%)
80% of our children reached the expected standard in Grammar and Spelling (National 78%)
76% of our children reached the expected standard in all subjects (National 64%)
Congratulations to all our children and staff who worked so hard.

Last day of term

Please note that Friday, 20th July, is the last day of term and that school finishes at 3.15pm as usual. Unless it has been pre-arranged please do not attempt to collect your child from school prior to this time as the office will not be able to accommodate these requests.

Menu changes for next week

Due to it being Year 6's last week there will be the following menu for the week:

Monday - Hot pasta bar, garlic bread followed by ice cream tubs

Tuesday - All day breakfast followed by cheese, grapes and crackers

Wednesday - Picnic bay followed by strawberry or pineapple smoothies

Thursday - Hot dogs/Quorn sausage with curly fries followed by pancakes and chocolate sauce

Friday - Sweetlands beef burgers/veggie burgers, with cheese slice, tortilla chips, milkshakes followed by a special last day surprise dessert.

There will still be the jacket potato option and salad.

Outstanding dinner money

Please ensure your dinner money debts are cleared by the end of term. If you have any queries relating to your child's account please remember that their dinner money history is available online or you can pop into the school office.

Online Safety

As we head towards the holidays it is probably worth thinking about your child's online safety. The most important thing is to know what your child is doing online and to be having open conversations about this. To help with this please see below for some useful information for parents regarding Fortnite, one of the most popular games that children are currently playing. Please do take the time to read this.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c75458b4927d513cbb744c23&id=538d30f699&e=3606f750a6>

DSM Online Safety Policy – please find attached the policy which was approved by the Governors at their last meeting. You will see it contains a pupil agreement form and this is something that your child's teacher will be discussing with them at the beginning of next term. They will be asked to sign this in class and to agree to the 'rules' it contains.

Clubs

Just a reminder that there are *no* clubs during the last week of term including MRFA.

Parent Assemblies 2018/2019

KS2 Assemblies are from 10.40 – 10.50am on a Wednesday in the hall. These assemblies are not a special presentation for parents, they are part of the normal timetable and their main purpose is for the children to share their work with the other children. However, parents are very welcome to attend. Please don't feel that it is expected that you will be there. If you do wish to come, please make sure you are here at 10.35 to be seated as the hall is very full and it is hard to come in once the assembly has started. KS1 assemblies are in the classroom at 2.55pm on a **Wednesday afternoon**. This is a change to the previous year. **Please note that there is no room in the hall for buggies in the KS2 assemblies.**

Wednesday 26 th September 10.40am	3SJ		
Wednesday 3 rd October 10.40am	4LRW		
Wednesday 10 th October 10.40am	5NR	Wednesday 10 th October 2.55pm	2NT
Wednesday 17 th October 10.40am	6TH	Wednesday 17 th October 2.55pm	2BR
<i>Half term</i>			
Wednesday 7 th November at 10.40am	3RB	Wednesday 7 th November 2.55pm	1BI
Wednesday 14 th November 10.40am	4LW	Wednesday 14 th November 2.55pm	1SH

Wednesday 21 st November 10.40am	5LH		
Wednesday 28 th November 10.45am	6BH		

Car park permits

The application forms for September 2018 are now available in the school office.

Lost Property

We have a large pile of lost property. Please do check this before the end of term as all items will be put in the clothing bank/bin on Friday after school. When purchasing new uniform items please ensure these are all named with either a permanent marker or name tag.

Dates for 2018/19

Please find attached a list of dates for the next academic year. Other events may mean that these are subject to change so please check the newsletter each week for calendar events as well as our website.

Events

Week commencing Monday 16 th July	
Monday 9.45	Y2 – 6 Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church
Tuesday 2.00	Y6 show
Wednesday 7.00	Y6 show
Thursday 9.15	Y4 Rainforest Warriors Fashion Show – parents are invited. Please sign in at the office.
Thursday 5.30-7.30	Y6 BBQ and disco
Friday	END OF TERM

Other events and information

MRFA are offering children the chance to trial with their football academy. Within the last 18 months they have seen over 8 players offered to sign with various clubs and hope to add to this list. If you think your child would be good enough then please put them forward for a trial. During the school holidays MRFA will be holding trials across the various age groups from Year 3 (8 years old) to Year 11 (16 years old). Parents will need to register their child and can do so by visiting their sign up page <http://mrfa.co.uk/academy-trial>.

There is a mad science day being held at our school on Friday 27th July. Please see the attached flyer for information.

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths