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Dear Parents

Fun Day

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow at our Summer Fun Day from 12 pm until 3 pm. There are lots of stalls as well as games, a giant obstacle course, food, a bar and of course our bottle and teddy/dolly tombolas. The swimming pool will also be open. There is plenty of time to enjoy the activities before the football!

Staffing for 2018/19

We have a few staff changes to tell you about:

Mrs Clausen and Mrs Frost have come to the end of their fixed term contracts with us and will be leaving at the end of July. They have both been covering maternity leaves. Miss Woolaston is leaving to take up a place on a teacher training course. Mrs Snelling, having left once already, kindly came back to work again when we needed her and will be finishing again in July. We wish all these people the very best.

Miss Mangham (who is now married and is Mrs Atkins) and Mrs Furze are both returning from maternity leave. We look forward to welcoming them back. We are also pleased to tell you that Miss Whittick, who has been working with us this year in Y5, has now become a permanent member of staff. Mr Jarvis will no longer have a class responsibility.

We are very pleased to report that we will be fully staffed for September, despite the ongoing teacher recruitment issues which you will have heard about in the news.

Classes for Sept 2018

YR

Mrs Burton and Miss Dews

Y1

Miss Birchall and Miss Hancock

Y2

Mrs Thapa (Miss Hancock's class)

Miss Rogers (Miss Birchall's class)

Y3

Miss James (Miss Roger's class)

Miss Bussell (Mrs Thapa's class)

Y4

Miss Wilson (Miss James' class)

Miss Whittick (Miss Wilson's class)

Y5

Miss Oggelsby (Miss Bussell's class)

Mrs Rogers (Mrs Clausen and Mr Jarvis' class)

Y6

Mr Harris (Mrs Rogers' class)

Mr Heath (Miss Oggelsby's class)

All of the teachers will be present at the open evening on Thursday 12th July (see below).

Open Evening

School will be open from 6.00pm - 8.00pm next Thursday (12th July). All the teachers will be in their classrooms where a selection of children's work from the year will be displayed. Please feel free to look around all the classrooms and speak to your child's next teacher as well as the current one. Miss Whittick will be in Miss Oggelsby's classroom upstairs on the right. Please also have a look at the displays in the entrance hall which represent our topics from the different year groups. A map of the school is attached.

School will be shut promptly at 8.00pm so please arrive in enough time to look at everything you need to. There will be a bell at ten to eight and another one at five to eight to let you know that we are close to finishing.

Clubs

Please note that the following clubs have now finished for this term.

Homework Club

Biscuits and Banter

Tennis

All other clubs will run as usual next week. There will be *no* clubs during the last week of term including MRFA.

Summer Holiday Maths Challenge

We are really excited to offer the children an opportunity to get involved in our whole school Maths Challenge this summer holidays. Our maths coordinator Mrs Thapa has created age appropriate challenges that we hope can be fitted around your usual summer activities. Our aim is for our children to make links between the maths they learn in class and the maths we use in our everyday lives. Details of the challenge will follow shortly.

Wool and toys

If you have any wool, small world characters or fairytale audio books, CDs or tapes that you no longer require the school would be grateful to receive them. Do please drop them in at the office.

Events

Here are the events for the remaining weeks of this term:

Week commencing Monday 9 th July	
Monday 10.00	Y6 – School nurse talking to them about their services at Secondary School
Monday pm	Y2 catch up swimming
Thursday 6.00 – 8.00	Open Evening
Friday 9.00	Y5 Road Safety session

Week commencing Monday 16th July	
Monday 9.45	Y3 – 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

The Gardens of Easton Lodge will be open to the public on Sunday 22 July and Sunday 19 August. On 22 July visitors will be able to learn about the local contribution to the World Wars and see classic cars and military vehicles. On 19 August visitors to the Open Day are encouraged to visit dressed as pirates. On both open days there will be childrens' trails and activities and children will be able to visit the Peto treehouse. There will be music on the croquet lawn and hot and cold refreshments. Visitors are welcome to bring picnics and well behaved dogs on leads! More information can be found on their website www.eastonlodge.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths