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# Shirestone News

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Welcome to our newsletter and the start of the Summer term. The recent beautiful weather has certainly made it feel like Summer. This term is always a very busy one so I have included as many forthcoming dates on the back for you. My advice would also to check on our website as this is kept up to date by Miss Kausar. This term sees Mrs Taylor (formerly Miss Smart) as our Vice Principal. The advertisement for a permanent Vice Principal has gone live today. There are several days of closure this half term and details of these can be found overleaf. As it is Summer and as the weather increasingly gets warmer I'd like to remind Parents and children of a few basic tips to keep you safe. Always apply sun cream or lotion before you come to school. Yes you can take your sweatshirts and cardigans off although make sure your name is in them. Bring a hat to school that you can wear when you are outside. Bring a bottle of clear still water with you every day. You can top it up during the school day. No sunglasses are to be worn unless Miss Lucas has agreed this with your Parents. Sun awareness will mean safe sun.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

As the weather is getting warmer pupils are able to wear formal grey shorts to school or a Summer dress in school colours. PE Kits must be brought into school. Our PE kit is a pair of black shorts and a white T shirt or polo shirt. Other combinations of sporting clothes are not allowed. Year 3 will continue to go swimming each Thursday morning. It is advised that appropriate footwear is worn at all times. At this time of year trainers tend to be heavy and cause the feet to swell and become hot. All footwear should be closed, flat and either black or grey. Strappy sandals and shoes with high heels are not to be worn please. Flip flops are definite no-nos. Thank you for your support with this. I would hate a child getting hurt because they were wearing the wrong clothes or footwear.

## YEAR 6 SATs and BREAKFAST CLUB

This term is very busy for assessments with all of our children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 being involved with some form of testing. Year 6 have been working very hard since September (as have their staff) and will be taking part in Sats week. During this week all pupils have to sit tests every day in either Reading, Spelling and Grammar or Maths. Every Year 6 pupil has to attend school every day of this week in order to complete their tests. The test week starts on **MONDAY 11th MAY**. To further support our Year 6 we shall be holding a special Breakfast club which only they can attend. More details will follow on a separate letter. We hope that as many of our Year 6 attend this Club during this important week. Our usual Before School Club will continue to run as usual.

## ATTENDANCE

Thank you for your continual support. From the start of the school year to now attendance is 96.2% with the highest attendance being with our Reception and Year 6 children with a whopping 97.01% . This is simply phenomenal. Thank you. The only classes currently with an attendance lower than the Academy's target of 96% are Nursery, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4. I am sure this will improve this term.

## UPDATE ABOUT MRS BULMER

As Parents are aware Mrs Bulmer is currently absent from school. I am happy to let everyone know that although Mrs Bulmer is under going treatment things are going well and we speak to her often. She hopes to come into school soon to see everyone.

## DIARY DATES

28th April	Class Photographs
4th May	School is closed for Bank Holiday
7th May	School is closed for voting
11th-15th May	Year 6 Sats week and Breakfast Club for Year 6
14th May	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 to visit the Life Education Centre in Midland Croft as part of Health and Well-being education
18th May	Year 6 trip to London
19th May	Parent workshop with School Nurse (details to follow)
21st May	Tri Golf competition at Our Lady's: Years 3/4 morning; Years 5/6 afternoon
21st May	School breaks up for one week half term holiday
22nd May	<b>School closed for staff training</b>
25th-29th May	<b>Half term</b>
30th May	FA Cup Final Arsenal v Aston Villa (#keepthefaith)
1st June	School opens
4th June	Rounder competition for Years 3/4 morning and Years 5/6 afternoon
9th June	Year 2 trip to Harry Potter
12th June	St John Ambulance's Big First Aid Lesson 2pm
18th June	Athletics competition for Years 3/4 morning and Years 5/6 afternoon
25th June	Kwik Cricket competition for Years 3/4 morning and Years 5/6 afternoon
30th June	Sports Day led by Richard KS2 morning EYFS & KS1 afternoon
1st July	Reserve Sports Day if previous day rained off
6th July	School Production led by Year 6 2pm & 6pm
7th July	School Production led by Year 6 9.30am
10th July	End of Year reports to Pupils and Parents
13th July	Brass concert
13th July	Parents' Evening
14th July	Year 6 Treat Day
15th July	Governors' Awards Assembly 9am
15th July	House Treat afternoon
15th July	After School Disco EYFS and Years 1 and 2 ends at 4pm
16th July	Celebration Service at St Peter's Church 9.15am
16th July	Party afternoon and disco for KS2 ends at 4.15pm
17th July	Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am
17th July	<b>Term end for pupils and school closes</b>
3rd & 4th Sept	<b>Academy closed for Inset</b>
7th Sept	Academy opens for start of Autumn term

## FOOTBALL BEFORE SCHOOL

Last term I was aware that some children were starting to play ball games in the KS2 playground before staff opened the doors at 8.40am. I am also aware that some of our younger children also play on the equipment in the Nursery playground while waiting to come into school. I have been allowing this to continue as its on the understanding that children are still the responsibility of their Parent until staff come on duty and open the doors and because its nice to see children organising themselves and playing together. Unfortunately I have had a KS2 Parent complain but I am going to continue to allow children to play before school but if further complaints are received then I will have to stop it. I would be grateful if you could speak to your child about your and the Academy's expectations and hopefully all will be well again.