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Dear Parents/Carers

SPRING TERM 4 NEWSLETTER

As we finish for the Easter break, I am pleased to provide the following information:

DIARY DATES **change over days,**

April	Monday 10th April-Friday 21st April	EASTER BREAK
	Wednesday 26 th April	Class Photos
	Thursday 27 th	Y3 & Y4 trip to Southwell Workhouse
May	Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th	SATS week
	Thursday 4 th	Reception trip to Space Centre
	Thursday 18 th	Y5 & Y6 Rivers Trip
	Thursday 25 th	Bunting Cup
	Monday 29th - Friday 2nd June	HALF TERM
June	Monday 5th	INSET DAY
	Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th	Phonics Screening Y1 Wellbeing Week
	Thursday 15 th	South Peak Sports (provisional)
	Wednesday 21 st	Sports day
	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th	School Journey
July	Thursday 6 th July	Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal Music4Schools Parent Meeting
	Friday 7 th	Summer Fair
	Thursday 13 th	Y5/6 afternoon & evening performance
	Wednesday 19 th	Approximately 2pm Leaver's Assembly for Parents followed by bowling trip
	Thursday 20 th	End of Year Disco
	Friday 21 st	Non uniform day END OF TERM ☺

Please note that these are subject to change and will be updated on our website accordingly.

As you can see from the above, we are intending to hold a special leaver's assembly for Y6 parents at 2pm on Wednesday 19th July immediately before the children leave on their bowling trip - please make a note in your diaries!

Inset Days 2017-18 Academic Year

These have been on the website for some time, however parents have been asking therefore please be advised that the following inset days are scheduled for the next academic year:

- Monday September 4th
- Tuesday September 5th
- Monday December 18th
- Tuesday December 19th
- Monday 4th June (tbc)

Parking / congestion on Narrowleys Lane

Every newsletter includes a reminder to parents in regard to parking on Narrowleys Lane. Despite our efforts to speak to parents and continual reminders, we are inundated with grumbles from parents in regard to:

- a) The lack of respect of private residents on Narrowleys Lane - parking across drives etc
- b) The lack of respect of pedestrians - careless driving and parking causing potential risk to families who walk to school
- c) Mis-use of the school's car park - intended for staff and visitors only - not for parents to use as a drop off or parking point
- d) Aggressive language and behaviour from parents to other parents and staff who comment upon these unsafe actions

The Local Authority have been contacted on several occasions by school, local residents and parents in regard to this matter. I would request that all school stakeholders bear in mind that, if that was their child being put at risk by this type of activity - how they would feel.

AGES and Holiday Club Update

Many thanks to Jim Roche, Ian Hayes and Amanda Roche, who have now retired from their involvement with AGES. The new directors are myself, Andrew Coates and Katie Hirst (governors).

Holiday club will be run during the May 2017 half-term holiday and also during the 6 week summer holidays. However, due to the low numbers using holiday club, I wish to let you know that we are considering whether we will be able to continue to run holiday club during the new academic year that starts in September 2017. We will send out a short questionnaire next month to all parents so as to receive your views prior to any decision being taken on the future of holiday club.

We remain fully committed to providing a breakfast club and aftercare club (both are well attended), plus the nursery for pre-school children.

Holiday club during the May 2017 half-term holiday and during the summer holidays will be open Monday to Thursday. As less children attend holiday club on Fridays, we have taken the decision to not open on this day. As before, holiday club will not be open on bank holidays.

The pricing for May 2017 and Summer 2017 holiday clubs will be:

- Full day (if booked more than 10 days before) £17.50
- Full day (within 10 days of session) £21.00
- Morning only (whenever booked) £12.50

- Afternoon only (whenever booked) £9.00

More children attend the morning sessions than the afternoon sessions, and to cover the costs of running holiday club, we need to be almost full during both the morning and afternoon sessions. The new rates are set to encourage more afternoon sessions and to encourage full day sessions.

Online Safety Update

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we will now be issuing parents with guidance in relation to online safety in each newsletter. We have recently been asked to distribute the 'Digital Parenting 5' to all parents - click [HERE](#). Please take the time to read this as it highlights some very important matters - notably ages for relevant social media, PEGI ratings and issues in regard to sexting which is becoming an increasing issue in primary schools.

Children's News

Music Enrichment Day: The Convent Matlock - Highfields Education Learning Partnership

Children from KS2 went to an amazing music festival with lots of other children. "We had the time of our lives," quoted the children. "We learnt funny songs and my favourite was, 'Going down the river'." The children stated that they would love to go again as they had so much fun.

Arts Week by Simmy in Y4

In art week we learnt about David Hockney and all his pictures. We also learnt about primary and secondary colours. We made paintings and photomontages inspired by his work. We learnt so much I loved art week.

Y3 and 4 Performance by Aviva & Verity in Y4

Year 3 and 4 did an amazing play and it was called "Porridge". Everybody did a great job learning their lines. There were around 50 characters including Simple Simon, Three Bears, Goldie Lox and Jack Spratt. Some people had to do a solo, they were brilliant and very brave. We performed it on Monday to the school, then in an afternoon and an evening for parents. We got a colossal round of applause! So thank you and well done Y3 & Y4.

Raising Money for JDRF - by Aviva and Estee Y4

On Friday 31st March School Council organised an Easter fair to raise money for JDRF (Type 1 Diabetes). In the afternoon, a visitor called Helen from JDRF held an assembly to tell us about type 1 Diabetes and the work their charity do. After school the fair began. There were lots of stalls and we raised £680 - JDRF were very happy with how much we raised. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Sports News from Mrs Rhodes:

Swimming gala

"The swimming gala was amazing. There were 9 schools we competed against. In every race we swam our socks off, cheered for each other and enjoyed the experience," said Eleanor Hadfield. Many people came in the top 3 and all participants made it through to the finals. A huge well done to all who took part in this super event.

Football - by James Buchanan Y6

Both of the school football teams have played many matches recently. We have won a few and lost a few and our team spirit has stayed strong. We are working well as a team and communicating on the pitch effectively. We are really enjoying playing and are looking forward to the remaining matches and competitions.

Mini Leaders - by Rebecca Winson Y5

The mini leaders are children in Year 5, who plan and deliver sporting activities for others at break times and lunchtimes. I am the leader of the mini-leaders and aim to ensure that everyone knows what they are doing and where they are supposed to be. I wanted to take this opportunity to say a massive well done and thank you to all the mini leaders who are doing a fantastic job.

Bronze Ambassadors

4 children were chosen from Year 5 to attend a conference and learn how to become a bronze ambassador. At the conference they participated in lots of activities and challenges, which they have put into place at school. They have also drawn up a plan to design and deliver a competition for children in school. These children are working hard to provide children with different sporting activities and opportunities across the school. What superstars they are.

Staff and Schools News

We will be pleased to welcome Mrs Rodda and Mrs Greenway back from maternity leave at the beginning of July. Miss Hardy and Mr Wilson will remain in Reception and Year 1 until the end of the academic year to ensure continuity for the children.

We are pleased to advise that Mr Wilson (Y1) will be our permanent Reception class teacher from September 2017.

Class organisation will be changing for the next academic year and this will potentially be as follows:

- Reception - Mr Richard Wilson - class remains in current reception classroom
- Year 1 - Mrs Rodda and Mrs Greenway - class moves to portacabin
- Year 2 - Mrs Harvey - class moves to portacabin
- Year 3 - Mrs Rhodes - class remains in current Y2 classroom (will move for Y4)
- Year 4 - Mr Robin Wilson - moves to current Y1 classroom
- Year 5 - Miss Crowder - remains in current classroom
- Year 6 - Mrs Hallsworth - remains in current classroom

This re-organisation will enable us to continue with collaborative working between key stage classes and make the best use of space for current cohorts at this time. The intention is that this will change again for the 2018-19 academic year as we are conscious that it is important that children experience change in environment during their primary education.

All that remains is for me to thank all stakeholders for their support over the term and wish everyone an enjoyable Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 24th April.

Yours faithfully

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