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Dates for your diary

- * 17th May 2018 Y6 Kingswood Residential meeting 6pm
- * 7th May Bank Holiday
- * 14th-17th May 2018 KS2 SATs
- * 24th May School Closes
- * Friday 25th May INSET Day—Closed to pupils
- * Monday 4th June 2018 INSET Day—Closed to Pupils
- * Tuesday 5th June School Opens

The Summer Term is the busiest term of the year for us in school.

It is a term where many of our children will sit statutory assessments.

Y1 complete their statutory phonics screening checks. Y2 will sit some 'quizzes' to support teacher assessment for the end of key stage 1. Y6 will also complete their statutory assessments. I have included some information later in the newsletter for parents with children who will be taking statutory assessments.

The Summer Term is also a term where we start preparing our children for

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stepping up to the next academic year. Although it sounds like a long time, your child is only fourteen weeks away from moving up a year group or leaving the school to start their secondary education.

Towards the end of the second Summer Half Term we will be holding our annual Summer Fayre and KS2 will be presenting their Summer Production.

We are hoping that we will benefit from some summery weather to match the term. Many thanks to all of the parents who supported the school with the tough decision to close due to the snow. I worked really hard on communicating

messages clearly via Twitter throughout the period of bad weather. It is not easy making the decision to close the school as we never want the children to miss any learning. However, many of our staff travel considerable distances to school which means that we have to consider weather warning advice.

Please remember to share things that you are unhappy with so that we make sure your child is having the best experience possible. Equally, please remember to also share all of things that you are happy with!

Mr. D.Richardson

World Book Day and Reading Challenge

We were so pleased to be able to open the school on World Book Day after the bad weather. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who supported their children with costumes. The children celebrated the day with a parade during the morning assembly and activities in the

classroom. Leopard Class received a special letter from David Walliams after writing to him as part of their topic work. Miss Lumley is planning on framing the letter and signed picture. We also had a huge number of children who qualified for the Easter Egg Hunt

organised by Mrs. Milner. The commitment to the joy of reading by the children has been so impressive.



Statutory Assessments

In May children in Year 2 and Year 6 will take their statutory assessments.

The tests will provide information about how your child is progressing, compared to children the same age nationally.

They are not qualifications and don't affect your child's future options in school. The results are used to ensure that schools are teaching their pupils the essential knowledge and skills in the subjects that are the early building blocks. This is to ensure every child reaches their full potential.

For children in Year 6 it is essential that they attend on each day of the tests as they cannot be administered on a different day. The staff are here to support you and your child through the assessment period, so if you require any help please ask. The Department for Education have also provided an information leaflet for parents which can be found at the following address. <https://bit.ly/2lygt9s>

School Clubs

Our after school clubs start from Monday 16th April 2018. There are some changes to clubs with letters going out this week. All clubs finish at 4:30pm. Parents should collect their children from the main entrance.

All slips will need returning so that we can prepare new registers - apart from our Running Club on a Wednesday where we will presume that the same children will be attending. Clubs will run until Fri 18th May.

Shield for Effort

A huge well done to our Shield for Effort Winners. Wilfred Stelling, Sophia Sables and Jasmine Barton.



They have impressed their class teachers and Mr. Richardson with their superb attitude to school. They are pictured, in their Sports Relief clothes, with Mr. Brooke (Principal at Don Valley Academy).



Uniform Policy and Behaviour Policy

The school has revised its uniform policy and behavior policy. The revised policy includes minor changes to ensure that it is still fit for purpose. These policies can be found on the school website.

In general our children wear correct uniform and wear it with pride. We are also extremely proud of our children and their conduct.

We do accumulate a large amount of lost property. The school will not accept any liability for lost property. Therefore, we politely request that all uniform and property is labeled with the child's name.

We do have a minority of children that have told their parents that black trainers are acceptable footwear at school. The school expects children to wear black

school shoes which can be polished. To avoid any misunderstanding we will expect children to have the correct footwear by the start of September. If you are unsure of whether the footwear meets the policy or not, please keep the receipt of your purchase so that you can get a refund if necessary. Please check your purchase with any class teacher who will be able to advise you accordingly. This is the same approach that is adopted by the secondary schools that we feed into.

Children who are dropped off and collected from school do not require mobile phones. However, we understand that for some of

our older pupils who walk to school and are preparing for the move to secondary school may need a mobile phone for safety. The school operates the same mobile phone policy as the local secondary schools.

The school will not accept any liability for loss or damage to mobile phones. Phones must be switched off when crossing the boundary line to school and should be switched on when leaving school premises. All mobile phones must be stored in lockers or school bags by pupils during school hours. Staff will confiscate mobile phones if these rules are not followed with parents contacted to collect the devices after school hours.