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Dear parents and carers,

Lots of hard work throughout school this week with children bringing many wonderful pieces of work to share with me which has been lovely to see. It's always great to share in the celebration when children succeed at something they have been working on for a while.

This week I have also been incredibly proud of our Year 2s who have begun their SATs. Miss Heald and Mrs Strickland have been so impressed by how hard the children have worked to demonstrate their learning. The tests will continue into next week and the Year 6 SATs will also take place Monday to Thursday. I know they're ready and raring to go and wish them all the best for the week ahead.

Yours in learning,

Mrs Katie Pashley

Christian Aid



Last week Rev Diane and a lady called Brenda visited school to introduce children to Christian Aid and to explain the focus of fundraising this year. Rev Diane told us all about two children from Haiti; Jephthe and Zaza, who were 'stronger than the storms'. Today, your child will be bringing home a Christian Aid envelope. Please return these to school with any donations you wish to make and remember to 'Gift Aid' your donation if you can. Thank you in advance of your kind donations.

African storytelling



KARIM MBAYE

Karim is the UK's leading Sabar drum player. He was born in Kaolack where his family were the oral historians of Senegal, known as Griote.

We are excited to announce that Mrs Fox has organised an exciting African storytelling week which will begin on Monday 21st May. Karim Mbaye will join us on Monday 21st to launch the week for us, sharing stories adapted from Senegalese folklore. He'll be using African artefacts and musical instruments to bring the stories to life! We look forward to sharing photos of the week with you in our final newsletter before half term.

Royal Wedding Tea Party



As you will already be aware, we are celebrating the royal wedding on Friday 18th May with a tea party for the whole school. Weather permitting, we'll be able to get outside to enjoy lunch on this day.

Roman, a Year 3 pupil, has had a brilliant suggestion that everyone could wear their special 'tea party' outfits for the day. We think it's a great idea so no uniform will be necessary on this date! Children will be invited to wear their smart party clothes, fit for a royal occasion. Please avoid denim and sportswear to help us create a real 'buzz' around school on this special day.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 1 who are this week's attendance superstars with a combined attendance of 99.5%. Well done Year 1- very well deserved!



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England



Developing Inspiring Teachers

Compassion Celebration

This week we celebrated the following children who have all demonstrated compassion in some way:

Nursery: Eve D and Penelope N
Reception: Oscar M and Lily A
Year 1: Eli R and Beth N
Year 2: Amelia S and Kyle H
Year 3: Poppy C and Oliver L
Year 4: Nic T and Aimee E
Year 5: Layla BH and Emmie I
Year 6: Kaitlyn F and Jack J

Well done to you all!

Lost watch

On Tuesday 24th April, a watch went missing during boxercise after school. It was a plum coloured Fitbit Alta. Please could everyone keep a look out for it and hand it in to the school office if it does happen to turn up? Many thanks

Lunch box waste

We do encourage children to bring home their lunchbox waste so that parents are aware of what has been eaten. If children have a yogurt then we would encourage them to put the pot and lid in the school bin so that their lunch box doesn't get dirty.

Uniform Reminder

Please be reminded that school uniform footwear is as follows:

- Flat black school shoes for outdoors
- Black plimsolls for indoors

Heels and sandals are not appropriate for school. It is not necessary to buy expensive or branded footwear.

Smart watches are also not appropriate for school due to safeguarding. Please do not allow children to wear these in school. Thank you

PTA Movie night



Thursday 17th May 2018 3:15pm -5:00pm
Movie: Minions (U)

Open to all children from Reception to Year 6
£2.50 - Includes a drink and popcorn

Please return slips by Wednesday so all children can be catered for.

Ascension Day



Yesterday, Reverend Diane led our collective worship and taught everyone about Ascension Day, remembering Jesus' ascension into heaven.

Children were given the opportunity to reflect about any messages they would wish to send to Jesus and the whole school went outside to see the balloon with these messages 'ascend' to the sky. It was a fantastic start to the school day - many thanks to Rev Diane for leading this special collective worship.



New calendar dates for Year 6

- Year 6 Production – Thursday 5th July 9.15am and 4.30pm
- Brigshaw Transition Day – Wednesday 11th July
- Year 6 Leavers Service at Wakefield Cathedral – Thursday 12th July 1.30 – 2.30pm
- Year 6 Leavers Celebration – Wednesday 18th July 5.30-7pm
- Leavers Service at Allerton Bywater Church – Friday 20th July

Important Dates

May	Year 2 Test Period
Mon 14 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thurs 17 th May	PTA Cinema/ popcorn night
Fri 18 th May	Royal wedding Tea Party
Mon 21 st May	African storytelling week
Fri 25 th May	School closes for half term