

Dear Parents and Carers

It is the end of another half-term – time has flown by, and we will soon be at the end of another school year. During the past six weeks, Y4, 5 and 6 have been on their residential trip to Aylmerton (and enjoyed wonderful weather) and the rest of the children had the chance to meet a variety of animals to inspire their writing. We have welcomed Cricket England into school, and the Y1, 2, 5 and 6 children are benefitting from cricket coaching on Mondays; maybe we have some future stars in our midst! Our runners have taken part in two cross-country competitions, and our Y3 and 4 tennis players also made us very proud – they all demonstrated our school values of determination, aspiration, courage and teamwork. Year 6 and 2 have also shown courage and determination as they completed their SATs. Well done to all of them – we know that they have done their best. On May Day, the sun shone on us as we danced. It was fantastic to welcome so many of you into school, and we thank Mrs Larner for all her hard work to make the day such a success. The school also received many messages of thanks from the community for the flowers that Y6 left on doorsteps and cars.

This made me think about our place in the community, which also links to our collective worship this week, and the learning in Class 4's RE lessons this half term: they have been finding out about the Christian community in South India, and how people there show acts of kindness towards each other. As we head into the half-term break, perhaps we could help our children to think about what we can do to help others in our community. As it says in Matthew 25:40, "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

School opens again on Tuesday 5th June and I am looking forward to our final seven-and-a-half weeks of the year, with a trip to the seaside, sports day and Y6 leavers' activities to come. Have an enjoyable and restful break.

Anna Hayesmore

Swimming

Class swimming lessons will start after half term – please ensure that your child has their swimming costume, towel and goggles (if they are used), with them **everyday** from 5th June. Please ensure that all clothing and equipment is named.

Class 3

After half-term, we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Sheldrake back to Class 3. For a few weeks, Mrs Sheldrake and Mrs Anderson will be sharing the teaching, so we aren't saying "goodbye" to Mrs Anderson just yet!

Morning routine

After half-term, we would like parents to accompany the reception children onto the playground in the mornings, like the older children, in order to support them with their transition into Y1. The gate is unlocked from 8:40, and then the children line up when the whistle is blown at 8:45. From the beginning of next half term, we will be asking the children to line up in their year groups, rather than in gender groups.

Lunches

If you know that your child will be late into school due to e.g. a medical appointment, please would you inform the office in advance if your child will need a school lunch. It is not possible to provide a school lunch for children who arrive at school after the lunch numbers have been counted.

Absence

If your child is ill and you are keeping them at home, could I remind you to phone or e-mail the school office in the morning. As we have a duty of care for the children at our school, if we do not hear from you, Mrs Jay is obliged to contact you to check that the children are safe, which can be very time-consuming. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 5th June: School reopens

Quad Kids Athletics

Teams of Year 4/5 & 6 children have been invited to take part in the Sports Partnership Quad Kids Athletics event at Wilberforce Road on 7th June.

Stetchworth Choir Festival

We have been invited to sing in the Festival on June 12th. Details will follow, but parents of choir members will be invited to the performance at the end of the afternoon.

Y4 Mini Olympics

This year, this will take place at LVC on Tuesday 19th June.

Whole School visit to Hunstanton

This has been arranged for Wednesday 27th June. I hope the weather is kind to us!

Sports Day

This year, sports day will be on the morning of Friday 6th July. Please come and join us.

KS2 production

There will be two performances - 6pm on Wednesday 18th and 6pm on Thursday 19th of July.

Leavers

The leavers ceremony will be on the evening of 23rd July, and the final assembly of the year will be on 24th July.

Please check our website for dates, as sometimes things change!