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Dear Parents

2nd May 2024

Just an update of the different things affecting our Year 6 children over the next few months.

End of Key Stage 2 SATs:

As usual we don't make too much of a fuss about SATs but we do make it clear to the children that it is their chance to show what they can do and to try their best, both for themselves and for school. I know that they have been working really hard with Miss Lofthouse and Mrs Neilson with Maths and English; I am confident that this cohort of children will do their best and are more than capable of doing themselves and us proud.

Monday 13 May	English	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	45 mins	9.30 – 10.15
Monday 13 May	English	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	15 mins	10.45 – 11.00
Tuesday 14 May	English	Reading	60 mins	9.30 – 10.30
Wednesday 15 May	Mathematics	Paper 1 Arithmetic	30 mins	9.30 – 10.00
Wednesday 15 May	Mathematics	Paper 2 Reasoning	40 mins	10.30 – 11.10
Thursday 16 May	Mathematics	Paper 3 Reasoning	40 mins	9.30 – 10.10

We will be offering all Year 6 children a hearty breakfast on each morning of the SATs, Monday to Thursday. Year 6 should come to school for 8.30am, using the Whalley Road entrance, and then will be given breakfast. I have checked with the children what they like to eat and will plan accordingly.

Once SATs are over on the Thursday we will be treating our lovely Year 6's to a lunch at McDonalds for a treat so no need to bring in a packed lunch or pay for a school dinner. We will be transporting them in staff cars (Mrs Maskell and Mrs Wilkinson) so please sign the consent form to say you agree to this.

On the Friday after SATs (17th May) the children can come to school wearing their own clothes and bring something from home to keep them occupied. We will have a mini film afternoon with treats in the afternoon. The week after running up to half term Y6 will be back in class in the mornings but helping me with a gardening project in the afternoon. If they come to school wearing school uniform please could they bring a change of appropriate clothing for the afternoon gardening sessions.

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Headteacher Elizabeth Maskell
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Blackpool Pleasure Beach:

I have booked tickets and transport for Y6 for a Blackpool Pleasure Beach trip for Thursday 23 May during school hours, paid for by school. The children can wear their own clothes and need to bring enough money for the day – this will need to pay for a burger meal at Burgerking, drinks and ice creams throughout the day and any other paraphernalia they want to buy. Unfortunately, the Pleasure Beach is cash free so money will need to be deposited in a debit card system at the park which we will supervise. As the Pleasure Beach, rather unhelpfully, does not advertise any prices it is hard to say how much they need to bring to put onto the card but if you budget for a burger meal, a few drinks and ice creams hopefully they will have enough. We will be travelling by the Little Green Bus both ways and will be back in time for the usual pick up. Please bear in mind though that traffic may have a different idea so be prepared that we might get back later than advertised. We will contact you if there are any problems on the way back.

Residential:

Straight after half term Y6 will be on their residential to Winmarleigh Hall for 3 days. Please make sure they come back to school with everything they need and don't forget that they won't be coming home for a couple of nights. Each child needs to bring a pillow and sleeping bag for the residential.

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE):

After half term we will be teaching our RSE lessons again, always a fun time of year! Our RSE policy is on the school's website for perusal at your leisure and we will send you home the slides we use as part of our lessons nearer to the time. Of course, during the sessions many, many questions are asked which we cannot plan for, or indeed communicate to you beforehand, so a lot more topics are covered and discussed than we can let you know about.

I will be taking Year 6 this year for RSE so hopefully it will remain casual and humorous whilst emphasising the importance of healthy relationships and sex!

Leavers Hoodies:

Y6 have done a marvellous job in raising money for their leaver's hoodies and so there will be no cost to yourself. We are in the midst of choosing designs and colours etc and everything should be set for them to be ordered and delivered over the next month or so. They will not be ready for their residential and this has been explained to them.

Specific Y6 dates to plan for:

Year 6 Leavers Meal – Thursday 11 July 5.30pm – 7.00pm, Vista Cielo, Clitheroe (This is a change to the advertised Emporium on the What's On – they weren't very helpful!)

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – Friday 19 July 9.15am, School Hall

Kind regards

Elizabeth Maskell

YEAR 6 CONSENT FORM

I consent to my child _____ taking part in the following trips:

MacDonalds treat Thursday 16th May 2024
(Transported in staff cars)

Please tick

Blackpool Pleasure Beach Thursday 23rd May 2024

Please tick

(Please return this consent slip to the office by Tuesday 7th May 2024)