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Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

We have failed to meet the attendance target set by the Department for Education for the first time. We have a good proportion of children with 100% attendance (thank you to parents), but a number of children below 95% which is impacting on numbers overall. I am unable to authorise absence - for any reason - for children below 95% attendance I am afraid. We really do appreciate the efforts made by parents who, if unable to get a medical appointment after school, ensure that children are here for the register at 9am and 1pm.

If you do decide to withdraw children from learning, please ensure that Mathletics and Reading practise continues, and spelling lists are packed.

Transition

This will offer an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with their child's 'next' teacher in their new classroom. Class teachers will provide information relating to expectations in: Home Learning; PE; Presentation; Trips, along with anything else you would like included. The meetings will last for 30 minutes and, because we have noticed we have the best attended meetings within the school day, they will be held just before the end of the school day. We do realise that parents with siblings in two year groups may not be able to attend both sessions, so the information provided in the sessions will be included with the newsletter on the Friday following the meetings.

Year One (currently EYFS)	16 th July 2018 at 2.30pm
Year Two (currently Y1)	16 th July at 2.30pm
Year Three (currently Y2)	18 th July at 2.45pm
Year Four (currently Y3)	18 th July at 2.45pm
Year Five (currently Y4)	15 th July at 2.45pm
Year Six (currently Y5)	15 th July at 2.45pm

Parents viewed these meetings very positively as a means to understanding expectations for the following year.

Opening Times

The school official opening time is 8.30am when the playgrounds gates are then opened. Please ensure your child does not arrive at school before the official time unless they have a club or prearranged activity. The playground gates are opened/closed at the following times;

KS1	8.30am opens	8.55am closes
	2.50pm opens	3.30pm closes

KS2 8.30am opens 8.55am closes

3.05pm opens 3.30pm closes

Please note these times may vary if the playgrounds are being used.

Do you have any questions, comments or suggestions for newsletter items or School Improvement?

Pop your question into an envelope and mark it for Ms Reece's attention and I'll either be in touch or include your item in the next Friday newsletter. Thank you.

Yours sincerely, Candida Reece, Head teacher

Other News

Wild West Fest competition winners



Congratulations to our Wild West Loot bag winners who won a voucher to use at the Wild West Fest:

Bonnie— The Orchard,

William— Y1, Josh – Y2, Charlotte – Y3, Callum – Y4, Jishnu –Y5, Lara- Y6

Y6 Trip to Liddington



Y6 children and staff enjoyed team building in a fabulous fun filled week of activities which included; abseiling, canoeing, jacobs ladder and sensory trail.

Plea from EYFS

Are you having a clear out? We would be very grateful of donations of any of the following items in good condition for The Orchard;

- Dress up clothes (Particularly linked to people who help us like police fire etc) also different types of hats
- Sand / mud kitchen or water toys including rakes / buckets / bowls / cups / spoons / measuring spoons / wooden spoons etc
- Cars!!!! We are in desperate need of toy cars
- Construction (Not lego)
- Children's magazines or food magazines (Anything child appropriate)
- Old technology that doesn't work anymore like phones / cameras / laptops / etc



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Class and leavers photos

Photo proofs have been sent home this week. **Please ensure all orders are submitted to the school office by Monday 24th June.** Any orders after this date will need to be sent direct to Astracolor and there will be a late payment charge. Many thanks.

No Celebration Assembly – Friday 21st June

This is just a quick reminder that there will be no celebration assembly on Friday 21st June due to activities taking place to celebrate Science week.

Term dates for your Diary

Month of May	Test month
19 th June	Area Sports at TBHA 12.30-3.15pm, invitation only
21st June	No Celebration assembly
24th June	Deadline for photo orders
25th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y2 visiting Manor Field for Little Big Sing - 9-12pm Y4 Trip to Smugglers Cove and The Blue Aquarium in Hastings Stay and Play in the Orchard for children with a surname starting A-L starting school in September 2019 3.30-4.30pm
27th June	Y5 Trip to the Big Bang at Ardingly.
Week of 1st July	Y6 Bikeability week.
2nd July	KS2 Big Sing at Manor Field 9.30-11.30am. Invitation only.
2nd July	Stay and Play in the Orchard for children with a surname starting M-Z starting school in September 2019 3.30-4.30pm
3rd July	Secondary Transition day for Y6
3rd July	Drop N Go session for children starting school in September Surname A-L 9.15-10.15am Surname M-Z 10.45-11.45am
3rd July	Transition day for children to meet their new teacher at 10.45am - 11.45am
5 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 Trip to Smugglers Cove and The Blue Aquarium in Hastings Reception trip to Drusillas

11 th July	Save the date – EYFS end of year celebration from 1.30pm. Invites to follow in due course. (change of date)
12th July	Sports Day from 1.15pm
15 th July	Meet next year's teacher for children in years 5 & 6 in Sept 2019 in the classrooms from 2.45-3.15pm
16 th July	Meet next year's teacher for children in years 1 & 2 in Sept 2019 in classrooms from 2.30-3pm
17th July	Y2 Fab Finish at 2pm KS2/Y6 Leavers production at 5.15pm
18th July	Meet next year's teacher for children in years 3 & 4 in Sept 2019 KS2/Y6 Leavers production at 6pm
19 th July	No celebration assembly Reserve Sports day from 1.15pm
22nd July	9-9.45am Y6 Awards – Y6 parents/carers are welcome to attend. 7pm Y6 Leavers event in the small hall for pupils only.
23rd July	Last day of school.

Term Dates 2019-2020

	First Day of Term	Half Term	Last Day of Term
Autumn Term 2019	Mon 2nd Sept 2019	w/c 28th Oct 2019	Fri 1st Dec 2019
	Inset Days: - Mon 2nd September 2019 Fri 25th October 2019		
Spring Term 2020	Mon 6th Jan 2020	w/c 17th Feb 2020	Friday 3 rd April 2020
	Inset Day: - Friday 24th February 2020		
Summer Term 2020	Mon 20th April 2020	w/c 25 th May 2020	Mon 20th July 2020
	Bank holiday: - Friday 8th May Inset Days: - Monday 1st June 2020 Monday 20th July 2020		