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Dear Parents/Carers,

Vehicle Movement

In order to keep children safe at our school, please can drivers refrain from pulling up on the pathways surrounding the entrance to the school. The school zig-zag marked area is a no stopping and no parking area to provide safety for our community.

Participation in PE

We are following national guidelines about promoting healthy activity and schools have been directed by the government to provide every child with encouragement to have at least 30 minutes of physical vigorous activity during the school day. There is a government expectation that this is increased for each child to 60 minutes a day with a vigorous activity after school such as; swimming, going to the park, bouncing on the trampoline, bike rides or walking to school etc. This is on top of PE provision of two hours each week. In the rare event that medical opinion prevents your son or daughter engaging in physical activity, we need a note from you, stating exactly what the medical advice is in relation to how many days it is anticipated restrictions to apply. An old-fashioned note is better than an email into the office, which might not be read by a class teacher until first break.

Before and after school

Please keep an eye on your child. We don't allow children to climb fences, gates, or to stand on the very top of the KS1 play equipment during the school day. We would appreciate parents reinforcing this when supervising children on the playground. We are proud of the safety of our school site during the school day, but children need to be reminded that pre-school siblings can be knocked over by other children riding scooters and their own safety is compromised by climbing on gates and equipment not permitted during the school day.

Textile Bank

Our clothing bank is situated in our staff car park by the KS1 playground. Please fill it up because we will receive an income based on the weight. We expect it to be emptied every three weeks, but don't leave things that don't fit into it, because we have to pay to have our regular refuse collected. The clothes bank takes paired shoes, clothes and textiles – thank you.

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

KS1 Mini Badminton Festival



10 children from Year 2 took part in a Badminton Festival at the Triangle. Primary schools from all

around the area also attended as did the Sports Crew from Saint Paul's School. We learnt how to hold the racket and played different games that developed our badminton skills. It was great fun!

Y6 Emotional Freedom Technique

The LMA very kindly paid for Y6 children and staff to have a group session on managing stress. The technique reminded everyone how hard they work and how amazing they are and we ended the session by saying this to each other. Children were given some very simple breath, visualisation and distraction exercises which could help in many situations.

Y5 Trip to PGL Bawdsey Manor 1st -3rd May



Here are some of the comments from the successful Y5 trip to Bawdsey Manor;

When walking to the beach Dominic F and Archie T exclaimed "This is the best holiday I have ever been on."

Seb B quoted after 3 portions of dinner "that was the best meal I have ever had!"

A PGL Instructor said that "This is the best group I've ever had on the sensory trail."

Message from ACT TOO Drama club

The club deeply regret that due to a very low response and turnout, drama club will be uneconomical for us to run this term.



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Chess

On Friday 26th April London Meed B team consisting of Lara, Jishnu, Vanshika and Aleena hosted the second round of the Primary Chess Cup. We played against Georgian Gardens, Cottesmore and St Lawrence and took second place.

Choir

Please note that choir this half term will only take place on Wednesday 8th May and Wednesday 22nd May due to SATS week.



Term dates for your Diary

6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Month of May	Test month
Week of 13 th May	Y6 SATS week then ongoing writing moderation in Y6. No Choir
20 th May	Class and leavers photos
23 rd May	Y6 Parent/Carer meeting regarding the residential trip to Liddington
27 th May to 31 st May	Half Term
3 rd June	INSET DAY
6 th June	New parents/carers evening, in the large hall at 7pm for children starting school September 2019.
Week of 10 th June	Y6 Residential trip to Liddington
15 th June	LMA Wild West Fest Summer Fayre 12-3pm
Week of 17 th June	Science week
21 st June	No Celebration assembly
25 th June	KS1 Little Big Sing at Manor Field 9.30-11.30am. Invitation only.

25th June	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	Deadline for Y6 writing moderation submission to WSCC
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
12th July	Sports Day from 1.15pm
17th July	Y2 Fab Finish at 2pm KS2/Y6 Leavers production at 5.15pm
18th July	KS2/Y6 Leavers production at 6pm
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.