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Newsletter – 10th May 2024

The Summer Term is already well underway and there is lots to look forward to. Here are a few diary dates for this upcoming term...

Infant Farm Visit – Friday 17th May

The Infants will be visiting Lower Plumpton Farm on Friday 17th May to complement their recent classwork on animals and plants. This trip is now for the morning only, so children will no longer need to bring a packed lunch to school on this day as they will be back at school in time for their usual school lunch.

School Disco – Wednesday 22nd May – 5:30-7:30pm

The Fundraising Committee have organised for a celebratory post-SATs disco to take place in school on Wednesday 22nd May from 5:30-7:30pm. All year groups are invited! The cost of entry is £5.00 and includes a hot dog, snacks and a drink. Please return reply slips to the school office by no later than hometime on Friday 10th May if your child would like to attend this event.

School Photographer – Thursday 23rd May

Tempest Photography will be in school from 8:30am. If you would like photographs with siblings who do not attend Earl Sterndale, please arrive at 8:30am so these can take place before the start of school. ***Please note that these timings have changed since the previous newsletter.***

Non-uniform Days – Friday 24th May and Friday 14th June

Please bring in prizes for the Leavers' Party lollystick game and raffle. Bottles, toiletries, sweets, toys, games, biscuits, chocolates, stationery items etc. – all will be gratefully received!

Tudor Farm Visit – Juniors – Thursday 6th June

The Juniors have been invited to take part in a Tudor Farming Workshop at the Dove Valley Centre on Thursday 6th June. This will be a full daytrip as we will incorporate a field trip to Fox Hole Cave in the morning and participate in the Tudor Workshop during the afternoon. Further details and consent forms will be sent out next week.

Residential - Gulliver's Valley – Juniors – Mon 17th June to Weds 19th June

The Juniors are looking forward to this year's residential visit to Gulliver's Valley near Rotherham. Please return the information form and risk acknowledgement waiver to the school office by no later than Friday 17th May. ***Please note that the payment deadline for this trip is Friday 7th June.***

Booster Trip to Alton Towers – Friday 5th July

To say thank you and well done to all the children who attended Booster Club this year, there will be a Booster Trip to Alton Towers on Friday 5th July. All pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited. Further details will follow closer to the time.

Non-uniform Day – Friday 12th July

Please bring in bars of chocolate for the Chocolate Game at the Leavers' Party.

Leavers' Party – Friday 19th July – 5:00-8:00pm

Preparations for this year's Leavers' Party are already underway. The Leavers' Party is an opportunity for the whole school to join in with a big party to say goodbye and good luck to the Year 6 pupils as they move onto their various secondary schools. We will have our traditional ball race (a race of 500+ tennis balls released from the top of the hill outside school), a raffle, the lollystick game, auction, cake stall, barbecue, bar, children's games and much more. Everyone is invited! Over the coming weeks we will be sending out ball race sheets and raffle tickets. We will also be asking for help on the various stalls on the evening of the party. If you think you may be able to help for a section of the evening, please let us know at the school office as soon as possible. The more volunteers we have, the more stalls we can run! In order to raise prizes for this wonderful evening, we are holding three non-uniform days on Friday 24th May, Friday 14th June and Friday 12th July.

Leavers' Party Auction and Raffle – Prizes

The Auction board for the Leavers' Party will be displayed from a week or so before the party. We usually have fabulous prizes donated by local companies. If you know anyone or work at a company that may be able to donate a prize to our auction or raffle, please let us know at the school office as soon as possible. All donations will be very welcome! Companies who have donated to the auction or raffle can display business cards or a small poster to advertise their business.

Changes to the Governing Body

Christopher Howarth has stepped down from his position as Chair of Governors. Paul Swindell has taken on the new role as Chair, supported by Tracey Eastwood as our Vice-Chair of Governors and Owen Lobb as Chair of Finance. We would like to thank Chris for all of his dedication and hard work during his time as Chair of Governors and would like to say a huge thank you and welcome to our new Chair, Vice-Chair and Chair of Finance. The Governing Body are an invaluable support to school, busily working behind the scenes to ensure that our lovely school is the best that it can be.

Bags 2 School Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated bags to our recent Bags 2 School Collection on 1st May. We raised a fantastic £42 for school funds.

Sponsored Walk Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in and helped out at our sponsored walk on 20th March. Our final total is an impressive £700. Money raised via school fundraising is used to contribute towards school trips and other treats and essential resources for the children.

Juniors – PE Kit

Please can Juniors wear PE kit on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays so that we are able to have PE on either day and take advantage of any good weather.

Sunny Weather

Please ensure that children apply sunscreen before school and bring a sun hat, sunscreen (for a midday top-up) and water bottle into school on warm, sunny days.

Updated Contact Details

If there are any changes of address, telephone numbers or email addresses for parents or other emergency contacts, please notify the school office so that we can update our records.

School Website

To see some of the fantastic activities that we've been doing in school, please look at the photos on the school website. Please navigate to 'Children' and then look at the Class Galleries and the Whole School Gallery. For the Junior parents, there is a very entertaining 'Penguin video' in the Junior Class Gallery in the 'Penguin Day' Album.

Diary Dates

SATs Week (Y6) – Mon 13th May to Thurs 16th May (test specifics are on the Website Calendar)

Infant Forest School Trips – Monday afternoons from 13th May to 24th June

Infant Farm Visit – Fri 17th May (morning only)

School Disco – Weds 22nd May (5:30-7:30pm)

School Photographer – Thurs 23rd May

Non-uniform Day for Prizes – Friday 24th May

Last day of half-term – Friday 24th May

INSET day – Mon 3rd June

Back to school – Tues 4th June

Tudor Farm Visit – Juniors – Thurs 6th June

Non-uniform Day for Prizes – Friday 14th June

Residential Visit to Gulliver's Valley – Juniors – Mon 17th June to Weds 19th June

White Hall Paddleboarding / Canoeing – Juniors – Tues 25th June & Weds 3rd July

Booster Trip to Alton Towers (Years 4, 5 and 6) – Friday 5th July

Non-uniform Day for Chocolate Bars – Friday 12th July

School Play Performances – 2pm & 6pm – Thurs 18th July (*please note that this date has changed since the previous newsletter*).

Leavers' Party – Friday 19th July

Leavers' Service – 2pm in church – Tues 23rd July

Last day of Summer term – Tues 23rd July