

Dear Parents & Carers

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Message from Mrs Majcher

Welcome back to the summer term. We have had the most sensational Easter ever, let's hope that it continues. Our cherry trees blossomed early as a result of all the fine weather – but unfortunately we missed most of the blossom due to the holidays. However we have taken beautiful photos which we have displayed in reception for you to look at.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to our two new teachers who join us; Mrs Anstiss has replaced Mrs Kirk in 5S and Ms Gibbons takes over 4S and Year 4 lead teacher. Both teachers have been so enthusiastic and keen to join our thriving school.

Summer Accessories

Please remember to include a sun hat for your child to wear. It is useful to have this at all times as the weather continues to improve, hopefully.

Sweetie Jar Competition

We are running a competition to collect as many jars filled with wrapped sweets as possible. The winning class will receive a special treat. The rules are that the sweets must be wrapped and not chocolate biscuits or cake bars. We will use these sweets later in the year. May the best class win.

Stamp Collecting

We will be collecting used stamps for the UK's Air Ambulance Services. There will be a bag for the stamps in reception, please save your stamps (from home and work) and send them in. Thank you.

Parking in our Car Park

We have had a number of near misses recently which is totally unacceptable. May I remind everyone that our car park is not to be used by parents/carers unless there is a valid reason for doing so and this had been discussed and cleared with me. Every school entrance is a very busy and therefore a dangerous place at drop off and pick up times. As we have a number of children who are taxied in every day our entrance is extra busy. Please help us to keep your children safe by simply parking elsewhere. We will be monitoring the car park very closely. Local residents have been complaining also and we are recommending that they call the police on 111 direct. Please remember to always turn off your car engine whilst waiting for your child as no-one wants to breathe in pollution.

Attendance

At the end of every term we have a significant increase in the number of absences some of which remain unexplained. Please try to send your child into school; being in school makes such a difference to children's academic and social well-being and of course it is the law.

Mobile Phones

Just a reminder that the only children who should be bringing mobile phones in for the office to look after are those children who walk home from school.

New Chairs and Tables

We are planning to replace the remaining old chairs and some old tables this term for the children. I would like to say that we will be using the money from the voluntary contributions we have accrued this year to go towards this spend. If you would like to contribute towards this please let us know and we are happy to set this up for you. For those who are already contributing thank you so much, this is making a difference!

If you know of any organisation which could do with some chairs please let us know. It would be good to recycle the chairs and save the expense of a skip.

Walk to School Week badge for April

Congratulations to everyone who achieved their walk to school badge for April. Now that the weather is getting better, we hope more and more pupils will receive badges each month. Well done in particular to the following classes, who achieved the most active journeys over the past few months:

5S - Class of the month January and March
3S - Class of the month February
6S - Class of the month April

The last week before half term is national walk to school week. We will be having lots of different activities and there will be a special competition taking place. More details to come soon.

Voluntary Contributions

Many thanks to all the parents/carers who make a termly contribution of £5 per term, this has already helped us tremendously. Additional financial support would enable us to put in place lots of things that would make your children have a better time at the school. For example, the correct sized tables and chairs in each classroom, a library with beautiful books for the children to use, a cookery room properly equipped to service groups of children, repairs to the turbine so it could save our energy bills, to name but a few of the improvements necessary.

Any support you are able to make would be most welcome, but this would be on a voluntary basis. Payments would be set up through our cashless system for the amount you are able to contribute, to be paid near the start of each term. Again, thank you for your support.

Fill a Jar

Please fill a jam jar with fun things such as crayons, rubbers, hair accessories, toy soldiers to name but a few and send the jars to us. We are planning a fun activity for later in the year. Many thanks.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Time
Monday 6 th May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed	All day
Tuesday 7 th May	Y5 Trip to Hazard Alley	All day
Thursday 9 th May	Meet Mrs Anstiss – 4C	3.30 pm to 4.30 pm
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATs Tests	Monday to Thursday
Friday 17 th May	Circus	5.00 pm
Wednesday 22 nd May	Bag to School Day	
Friday 24 th May	Break up for Half Term	3.15 pm
Monday 3 rd June	Inset Day	All day
Tuesday 4 th June	Children Return to School	9.40 am
Wednesday 5 th June	Y5 Parent Information 11 + meeting	6.00 pm
Friday 14 th June	Drop and Stop	9 am – 11 am
Monday 17 th June	Y6 Residential	Monday to Friday
Tuesday 18 th June	Y3 Trip to the Lookout Centre	All day
Friday 28 th June	Cherrylicious Day	All day
Tuesday 2 nd July	Transition Day	
Thursday 4 th July	Sports Day	Afternoon
Saturday 6 th July	Summer Fayre	To be advised
Thursday 11 th July	Reserve Sports Day	Afternoon