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Weekly Newsletter – Friday 12th May 2017

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This half term, our RRSA is Article 12:

'Children have the right to say what they think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken into account.'

SAT's: This week, our Year 6 pupils have taken their SAT tests in school. I have been truly impressed by their positive attitude towards every single test and their determination to do their very best. They have been calm, focussed and completely driven every single day. The focus will be turned towards developing our writing skills even further over the next few weeks, so we are by no means 'finished!' With this in mind, it is crucial that Y6 attendance remains 100%. I definitely think that the fabulous free VIP breakfast provided every morning this week set Y6 in the right frame of mind and I would like to say a special thank you to all of the staff who have worked so hard to support the children up to and including this week. Carol and the Breakfast Club staff have gone above and beyond to set the VIP tables beautifully, prepare additional food and even come in early to cook the bacon sandwiches! Staff have been on hand (some even coming into school whilst on maternity) to support the children throughout the tests and this is very much appreciated by the children and by myself. Not all schools are as lucky and I am very grateful for the unerring dedication of my staff and governors. The children were rewarded with a trip to the AYCC this morning, to do a range of fun activities, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Tennis Tournament: Last week, our Year 3 tennis champions were the winners of the local tennis tournament for the third year in a row. We have some very talented pupils in this area, which is fantastic to see. Of the last 3 festivals we have participated in locally, (Basketball, Netball and Tennis), we have won all three! This shows the value we place on sport and PE in school and the commitment of the staff in preparing the children for such events. Thank you, everyone!

General Election: The EYFS Unit will be closed for pupils on Thursday 8th June for voting in the General Election. The rest of the school will remain open as usual with children from Y1 to Y6 expected to attend.

Photographs: School photographs will be taken on Thursday 18th May. If you require siblings to be photographed together in a family photo, please ensure you have completed a slip from the office: these photos will be done early in the morning. Unfortunately, we can only arrange for family photographs, not friends as we do not have the time to do this. Year 6 class photo will be taken on Friday 19th May: please make sure the children are in full school uniform.

Free School Meal Checks: Letters will be sent home with the newsletter tonight for the Free School Meal Eligibility Check. Parents / carers of all pupils from Reception to Y5 are required to fill this in and return it to school. Even if you are not sure / not eligible for FSM, please return the form to us for our records. This directly affects the amount of Pupil Premium funding the school receives per child for the next academic year and is therefore absolutely crucial. Please can all forms be returned to the office ASAP.

Family Lunch Invitations: We will be inviting parents / carers to come and join their children for a school lunch over the coming weeks, dates are below.

- EYFS and Reception: Wednesday 17th May 11.30am -12.00pm
- Classes 1 & 2: Friday 19th May 12.00am -12.30pm
- Classes 3 and 4: Wednesday 7th June 12.30pm -1.00pm
- Classes 5 & 6: Friday 9th June 12.30pm- 1.00pm





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Year 6 end of year event: now that SATs are over, the children in Y6 are thinking about what they would like to arrange for their end of year treat. The money they raise weekly with their Fruity Friday scheme is used to fund this treat and for the past 2 years, the children have voted for a prom. However, this may not be the case this year as it is the children's choice. I will let you know when I receive letters from the children outlining their request next week...

Attendance: Last week of term, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Year 2 with a fantastic 96.8%, well done!

- Rec - 90.1%
- Yr1 - 89.6%
- Yr2 - 96.8%
- Yr3 - 93.3%
- Yr4 - 96.3%
- Yr5 - 90.0%
- Yr6 - 96.2%

Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to Bryn Furnell who has shown fantastic manners and attitude in Breakfast Club.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 17 th May	School lunch for parents and EYFS
Thursday 18 th May	School Photographer
Friday 19 th May	School Photographer for Y6 only
Friday 19 th May	School lunch for parents and KS1
Thursday 25 th May	Y3 Class Assembly parents and carers welcome, refreshments served.
Friday 26 th May	Break up: return to school Tuesday 6th June

Mrs Page
Headteacher

