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HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN
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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to be finally on the field at lunchtime this week, frisbees have been flying and the pupils are back on the timber trail. It finally feels like the summer term has arrived!

SATS

Next week the SATS will be administered in Year 6. The pupils have been working so hard all year and we know they will do their very best. We wish them lots of luck and will be there alongside them to offer support and encouragement throughout the week. A separate letter has been sent today to the parents and carers of Year 6 pupils with a few reminders for the week.

Beginning and end of the day

Please could I ask that at the beginning and end of the school day that children are closely supervised on the school site, including those younger siblings of our junior school children. Some classes recently have been disrupted by younger children pulling faces and making other gestures though the windows at the rear of their classroom which is not acceptable. Equally, it is not appropriate for children to be playing with school equipment that has been left out for after school clubs or to swing on the white bars. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Board Games Afternoon

Thank you to Mrs Hoggan for hosting the Multiply board games event yesterday. It was lovely to see families playing and enjoying games together in the hall after school – there was such a lovely atmosphere.

After School Club

If you are collecting your child from after school club, you will have noticed that the staff have been asking you to walk on to site to collect your child from the breakfast and after school club room. This is because having a member of staff continually walking to and from the gate means that there is one less member of staff to run activities and supervise the children which is most important. Please could you park safely off site before walking on to collect your child. If you want to ring ahead to ensure your child is already packing up and getting their things ready, then the staff are still happy for you to call. As you leave the site, please do not close the gate as this prevents other parents from entering.

Update from the Year Teams

Year 3

We've been as busy as ever exploring and learning in Year 3. It's been fabulous to take our learning outside in our school grounds and also with our trips to Gilbert White's House and Cove Brook.

We have written brilliant diaries about a honeybee and enjoyed discovering that bees do a waggle dance to indicate to other bees the direction and distance of a source of food. This week we've started to learn about perfectly peculiar plants including the Venus fly trap and the pitcher plant in preparation for writing our own information page.

In music we are using the instruments to create our own composition based on "The Flight of the Honey Bee". We have also created a beautiful and colourful clay fish pinch pot and learnt how to join pieces of clay together. In PE, we have been improving our athletic skills and we will be developing our running, jumping and throwing techniques. We will also be preparing for sport's day soon.

We're having another big push on learning and recalling our multiplication and division facts. By the end of Year 3 children are expected to know the 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x and 10x table so please remember to keep practising these important facts using TTRS or by playing some of the games we have learnt in class.

Well done to both 3Q and 3M who have shared their fabulous learning in their class assemblies. Everyone has been very impressed with how well they read aloud and showcased all their hard work and achievements.

Year 4

Year 4 had a great start to the last fortnight when we went to the Harry Potter Studio Tours on Monday the 29th of April. The children were a credit to the school and saw exactly what their descriptions and animations could lead to.

In maths they have been looking at addition and subtraction again along with multiplication and division. They have enjoyed the practical elements of looking at these in the context of measurement.

A diary has been written for our 'Firework Maker's Daughter' unit in English and we are now beginning to find what the features of letter writing are so that we can write a letter from the perspective of one of the characters.

Healthy living is being investigated in science along with how our digestive system works. In RE, we have started discussing Diwali and how Hindus celebrate this and what it means.

Year 5

Over the last few weeks Year 5 have been studying a classic poem by Alfred Noyes called 'The Highwayman', resulting in the children writing a newspaper report about the events which happened at the end of the poem. In maths we have been revising prime numbers, multiples and factors before moving onto square and cube numbers. Athletics practise has been going well and we've started practising for the relay and shuttle relay races on Sports Day. Please remember to apply sun screen and send children in a hat especially on PE days as the field has very little shade!

In PSHCE we have been discussing risks and pressures and how sometimes it is difficult to say no to a friend even when we know it's a risk we shouldn't take. In DT we have been looking at different shell structures and which shape is the strongest, before each class gets the opportunity to build a real-life sized shelter!

Year 6

Just a few more days to go. Year 6 are continuing to revise their test techniques. Please make sure that they do rest well before SATs start on Monday with grammar and spelling. On Tuesday we read, while the maths papers are on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you for all your help with their revision homework - it makes such a difference to their knowledge and confidence.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Findlay
Headteacher