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Dear Parents

We suddenly find ourselves at the end of the first summer half term. Over the past few weeks we have celebrated the King's Coronation, gone on school trips and sat the government's formal assessments. The last few weeks of our year will see more children attending trips, sports day, our leavers preparing for their final show and everyone getting ready for the new school year ahead.

Learners of the Week

Congratulations to all our learners of the week:

6NR	Luke Jessop		
5LH/HT	Elise Balsler	2TP	Poppy Callcut
4AM	Summer Howard	2CC	Ayaan Ahmed
4LW	Evie Holden	2BR	Zach Matthew-Ekuku
3SC	Jesse Bolger	1EW	Tom Threadgold
3BI	Scarlett Benstead	1RF/GM	George Pinchbeck

Attendance Award

Congratulations to 2CC who won the Attendance Award for the highest class attendance last week. For the half term (to 19th May 2023) the classes with the best attendance were:

1st 2CC
2nd 6NR
3rd 3SC

Summer Fun Day

Don't forget to make sure Saturday 10th June is in your diary for the Summer Fun Day! Not only will we have performances from our choir, dance club and steel band there will be other displays taking place in the arena. Stalls include our popular bottle tombola, wellie wanging, spin the bottle, hook a duck and many more. Please see attached.

Friday 9th June will be a non-uniform day in exchange for an in-date, unopened bottle. This can be of any size and either alcoholic or non-alcoholic. Children should take the bottle to their classroom in the morning.

Walking Bus

Sadly it appears that there is no training available from Essex for volunteers who offered to help with the walking bus. Without this training we are unable to proceed at the moment. If things change then we will let you know. Thank you to the people who had volunteered their services. It was very much appreciated.

Park and Stride Scheme

However, our Travel Plan Officer from Essex Local Education Authority has been in touch with Tesco on our behalf. They have kindly agreed that any parents from our school who wish to use their car park to park whilst they walk to school can do so. This is even if they do not go into the store. This would enable parents to park and stride from Tesco. There are many benefits to this including guaranteed parking, a safe place to leave the car and healthy exercise before the start of the school day.

Clubs

Clubs start on 5th June and participants remain the same as this half term.

School day - changes to times

A reminder that from 19th June we will be trialling amended times for the school day. Registration will be at 8.45am with the gates opening from 8.30am. Children will be allowed into the classroom at 8.40am. YR,1 and 2 will need to have an adult with them until this point but Y3 - 6 can wait in the playground alone if you prefer.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for the first week back:

Week commencing Monday 5 June	
MONDAY	First day of Summer 2
TUESDAY	YR to Colchester Zoo Y5 Indian Dance workshop in school
WEDNESDAY 10.40	3BI Class Assembly - parents to arrive at 10.35 at front gate
WEDNESDAY 2.55	2TP Class Assembly - parents to arrive at 2.45 at front gate
FRIDAY	Non-uniform in exchange for a bottle
SATURDAY 12.00-3.00	PTA Summer Fun Day

Ride London - Sunday 28th May

Please note on this day there will be a number of road closures and events taking place in celebration of this event. The High Street will be closed from White Hart Way junction to the cadet drill hall from 6am to 2.30pm. Further details of road closures can be found at www.ridelondon.co.uk/community-info/essex. During the day there will be live music, free bike maintenance, bike advice and you may even make a smoothie using pedal power.

MRFA Girls Football

MRFA is offering DSM girls two free taster sessions at their Girls Development Centre. Full details can be found on the attached flyer if you are interested.

School Nurse drop in

Please find attached the details on the next school nurse drop-in session on 6th June.

Maths tutoring

Harry Newcombe is an ex-pupil who is now offering personal maths tuition for £15 per hour to our parents. His contact number is 07565 310610 if you would like to take up his offer.

Have a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely
Clare Charter