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Dear parents/carers,

Yr5 London trip

Across the federation many of the Year 5's have been in London the last two days. We're sure they have had an exciting and interesting trip visiting various tourist attractions including; Buckingham Palace, Theatre trip, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, Science museum, a trip on the London Eye and River cruise. Thank you to all the staff and our Chair of Governors for giving up their time to organise and take the children on this trip.

STAR (Stay And Read) Club

Please see the flyer attached about Stay and Read Club, which will start on Tuesday 13th June. It is an opportunity to read with your child and connect with other parents. Once a month, this will be an extended session until 10am. Members of the Parent Forum will attend these sessions so you connect with them and share ideas/thoughts. The PTA are supporting this cause by providing refreshments for a small donation. See the flyer for more details.

Parent Forum

The minutes from this week's meeting will be available to read on the website after half term. If you have something you would like to be raised or suggested at parent forum, please make contact with your class reps. This can be via email (available from them) face to face or by using the families email address. They will then email school or bring your ideas to the next meeting. They will also be attending Stay and Read Club once a month (see flyer).

Donations

We have two requests for donations. First, Class F are updating and improving their classroom environment and would like some baskets (made from natural materials e.g. wicker) to store/organise resources. Secondly, we would like to improve our outdoor space by adding more plant life. If you have any spare large pots for planting and/or plants you would like to donate they would be gratefully received.

Sponsored Read

Please look out for details of our whole school sponsored read event in your child's home learning. This event will be raising vital funds to support our class library areas.

Extended Childcare

After half term Early birds will take place on **Wednesday 7**th **June – Friday 9**th **June** Mrs Mitchel will be leading these sessions.

We will be starting a trial (with reduced rate) for both the new breakfast and afterschool childcare service after half term from week commencing **Monday 12th June**. Each session will be supervised by a member of our school staff, all of which are appropriately qualified including first aid and child protection training.

· Breakfast Club will run every day during term time from 8.00am to 8.55am and will include a nutritious breakfast (in line with School's Healthy Food Policy, consisting of choice of cereals with semi-skimmed milk, fruit juice and toast with a choice of spreads) - £3.50 per child.

· After School Club will run on Monday to Thursday during term time from 15.30pm until 17.30pm and will include a healthy snack, drinks, games and activities such as crafts, reading, listening to music or outdoor play - £4 per hour per child, with option to book increments every 30 minutes for £2 until 17.30pm. You will be able to book and pay for this service via School Money. For more details, please see our website.

We hope this service can be formally continued from September 2023, but we need to demonstrate that you - our school families - require it; so please make use of this trial and book your children in via School Money .

Please book or reserve your child's place in advance. For any last-minute changes please call the office to check availability.

Please note that the early Bird club (as it has been) will no longer be in place. The school must meet statutory guidelines for all extended school childcare provision.

Foundation Stage 'Stay and Play' Summer Term Sessions: Next Sessions: Thurs 22 June (10.30am-11.45am);

Tues 18 July (10.30am-11.45am) Our Foundation Stage provides a happy and nurturing environment in which Nursery-aged children are sensitively and expertly prepared for mainstream school and school life. If you have a child of pre-Nursery age we would love you to come along to see for yourself what makes our class so special: parents (or a responsible adult) are warmly invited to our 'Stay and Play' session, the next one of which is due to take place on Thursday 22 June. The children will have a chance to play in the classroom or garden, and to mix with our current nursery children; an ideal opportunity for you to experience our Foundation Class, meet some of our staff and become familiar with the Foundation environment. We look forward to welcoming you and any friends you may know that would be interested too!

Tempest Photography: Class and Team Photo - Our traditional class photos could not be taken on the day originally planned, Emily from Tempest Photography will be visiting us on the morning of **Wednesday 21 June** instead. As usual, please let us know if this is something in which you prefer your child does not take part.

Bookings

Dinner bookings are available to book until Friday 21st July. (The Wednesday and Friday menu after half term have been switched, just for that week though. So it will be fish and chips on the Wednesday and roast on the Friday).

Term Time holidays

We still have a few holiday request forms coming into school. Please note that holidays during term time will not be authorised and you may be subject to a fine. Our attendance policy explains how education is impacted by missing school and what action the school will be taking to address persistent absence. You are responsible for your child's attendance and it is a statutory requirement.

Dates

Monday 29th May – Tuesday 6th June - Half Term

Wednesday 7th June - First day of second half term

W/B 12th June Breakfast club and after school club begins – Please book in advance

Weds 21st June Tempest Photography: traditional class photos

Tuesday 27th June – Sports Day (in the afternoon)

Wednesday 19th July – Leavers Assembly

Friday 21st July - Last day of term