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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and you were all able to make the most of the better weather which has made an appearance. It was lovely to see everyone back this morning. With a short but very busy half term ahead, please find some updates and useful reminders below.

### **Year 1 & Year 2 – Start of day**

With two thirds of the school year complete, the Year 1 and Year 2 staff would like the children to come straight into school when they arrive each morning, just as the older children do. This allows greater opportunity for children to be greeted individually each day and allows them the opportunity to build their independence in getting themselves ready for learning. When the children arrive on the playground, they should go straight into school via the Year 1 door. There will always be a member of the Key Stage 1 team on the door each morning for any messages that may need to be passed on to staff in school.

### **Homework Reminder**

In January, we re-established our weekly homework routines for Year 1 to Year 6. The homework is based on the key learning for each year group. Each week the children are sent home with a paper copy. We ask that parents support and encourage the children to complete this each week.

When the new website was launched at February half term, we were able to start uploading it each week so that parents and carers could track it down if a paper copy went missing or if your child was absent from school. Homework is now issued at the end of each week, to allow the weekend and the next week for it to be completed at home. Completed homework should be returned to the class teacher.

### **Reception and Year 6 Health Questionnaire**

Before the Easter break, the current Reception parents were asked to complete a health questionnaire by the School Nursing Team. The questionnaire is completed electronically and submitted directly to the School Nursing Team. The responses provided are really important as it enables health professionals to provide help, advice and support to parents and carers but also to us as a school. As such, please can we remind parents and carers to complete their return if they have not already done so.

Later this term, an updated health questionnaire will also be completed for Year 6 children. Year 6 parents will receive some further information in the next few weeks as to how and when they should complete this. A representative from the School Nursing Team will be coming into Y6 to support the children in completing their part of the questionnaire in school.

### **Statutory Assessments**

This term sees the return of all the national statutory testing which parents and carers will have discussed with class teachers during the recent parent meetings. Statutory tests have been cancelled for the last two years due to the pandemic and periods of national lockdown when children's education was disrupted.



**Year 6 SATs** take place from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022. These tests are set nationally, so all year 6 children across the country complete the same test on the same day. These tests are externally marked and are not read by staff in school. It is vitally important that the children arrive punctually and attend school each day throughout this week. In the unlikely event that a pupil is unwell and unable to attend school, parents should contact me as soon as possible.

**Year 2 SATs** will be administered on the following week. These tests are set nationally so that all Year 2 children across the country sit the same test but marked by the class teacher. These tests are an important piece of assessment information that forms part of the children's end of year assessment. As with the Y6 SATs, it is really important that the children attend punctually and are here each day.

When we return after the May half term holiday, teachers will be administering the **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check** throughout the first week back. The check will be administered between the 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June. This is a nationally set assessment of the children's phonics and is an important part of their end of year assessment. All Year 1 children should be in school each day to ensure that the phonics check is not missed.

The **Year 4 Multiplication Check** is now compulsory within the statutory assessment calendar for all schools. The check is externally set so that all Year 4 children complete the same questions. The children will complete the check electronically and it is designed to assess children's fluent recall of times tables. The check must be administered between the 7<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June. Parents and carers can find more information on the Multiplication Check which has been uploaded to our school website.

#### **Reminders:**

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – INSET – School closed to pupils
- **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 Sunday School Breakfast 9:15-11:15am
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 SATs Week
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – KS1 SATs Week
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 trip to Mam Tor
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Pupils last day
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – School Closed Bank Holiday Queen's Jubilee
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Pupils return to school
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – School Closed May Bank Holiday

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Murfin  
Headteacher