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Dear Parents and Carers

This time last week, it was our annual sports day – the first with a 'live audience' for three years! The weather was on our side, and it was a lovely whole school and community event. It was brilliant to see great participation, teamwork and sportsmanship from the children throughout the day as they took part in a range of competitive and collaborative sporting activities, including the ever-popular tug of war and milk the cow!

Congratulations to Emerald House who won after scoring the most points overall - the house cup was proudly received by our Year 6 House Captains.

A huge thank you to Miss Walker and Miss Funnell for organising the day, to FOSS for providing refreshments and to staff who helped behind the scenes in the lead up to the day as well as on the day itself. Thank you also to all parents and other family members for their support – we hope you enjoyed the day!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Book

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, all primary aged children in state-funded schools across the country will be receiving a free commemorative book. This celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year and achievements of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth over the last 70 years. These books have now arrived and will be sent home with the children today. We hope they will enjoy and treasure these books, which celebrate an important moment in British history.

Staffing arrangements and Transition Day

You should have received a letter detailing staffing arrangements for next academic year yesterday – these were sent home in hard copy and also via ParentMail. If for any reason you did not get one, hard copies are available from the office or can be downloaded from our website. Transition Day is next Wednesday 6th July. If you have any questions about transition, please do speak to your child's current class teacher.

We understand that all of our Year 6 pupils will be attending Transition Day at their secondary schools on Wednesday 6th July. If, for any reason, this is not the case, then please ensure you inform the office so we can make appropriate arrangements for your child during this day. We also ask that parents please complete an absence request form if their child will be attending



additional transitions days to this, at their respective secondary schools, aside from the extra day for children going to TLA which we know is on Thursday 7th July. Thank you for helping us to ensure our registers are accurate and safeguarding procedures are robust.

Attendance awards

Earlier in the year we asked the School Pupil Council to give their views about awarding attendance in light of the impact of Covid. They have suggested that this year children in Year 6 earn badges and medals and that other children be awarded certificates for their attendance. These will be sent home via reports or class before the end of term.

Start and end of the day arrangements in September

As you will be aware, following the letter sent out at the start of this half term, the length of the school day will be changing as of September and we will return to gates opening at 8.20am. The Worthing Road gate will remain out of use. We have agreed as a leadership team that for safeguarding purposes it is much safer to have just one way in and one way out of the school at the start and end of the day. This system has proved very effective over the past two years and allows us to more easily monitor who is coming onto and off the premises. There have been several occasions when younger siblings have become separated from their parents and we have been able to quickly locate them and ensure their safety. When staffing capacity allows, we will also open the gates through the Key Stage 2 quiet area to help alleviate congestion. I am pleased to be able to let you know that the one-way system will no longer be in place as from September. Children in Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6) will continue to be allowed to come to and leave school independently, providing we have parental consent. All other children should be accompanied / collected by an adult. The rolling start will allow all families ample time to arrive on time for school and deliver children to classrooms safely, and we ask parents to not queue outside the gates a long time before they open. Thank you for your support and understanding in helping to keep our whole school community safe.

No nuts

We have a number of children in our school with food allergies. Nut allergies are particularly common. For many children, the symptoms are mild. For others the reaction can be more severe resulting in collapse or unconsciousness; it is a life-threatening condition, although this is rare.

As a school we have a duty of care to all pupils, and we therefore ask all families to be mindful of not sending food into school that may contain nuts; this may be as a snack, lunch or treats for the classes. Often nuts or nut-based products are contained in food that you would not necessarily think about.

We do not claim to be a '*nut free school*' because this is almost impossible given that even some medications contain nut products. Instead, we like to make everyone more aware.

If you would like further information please visit:

<http://www.allergyuk.org> and/or <http://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/>

Parking

Please make sure that you are driving and parking safely in the vicinity of the school. We have recently received complaints from our neighbours on the Parklands Estate about cars blocking driveways. We encourage you all to report unsafe driving and parking to www.operationcrackdown.org Thank you.

Dates for your diary

As we approach the last three weeks of the academic year, below is an overview of key dates for your diaries. Please also refer to year group curriculum guides, separate letters and our website for further information and detail.

Date	Event
Monday 4 th July	Year 6 Top-up swimming Year 6 Bikeability 'catch up'
Tuesday 5 th July	Year 6 Bikeability 'catch up' Year 3 Forest School
Wednesday 6 th July	Transition Day
Thursday 7 th July	TLA Transition Day 2
Friday 8 th July	8.45am Maple 'stay and read' session Year 6 Bikeability 'catch up' All clubs finish today
Monday 11 th July	Year 6 Top-up swimming Celebration of Learning 2.45pm
Tuesday 12 th July	Year 3 Forest School (last session) Year 2 to Rustington Museum Year 6 Production 3.30pm EYFS (new starters) Stay & Play
Wednesday 13 th July	Parent Focus Group 9am Year 1 Beach experience day Celebration of Learning 2.45pm Year 6 Production
Thursday 14 th July	Year 5 Reptylers Visit TLA Language Leaders with Years 3 & 4 Annual Reports sent home 3.30pm EYFS (new starters) Stay & Play
Friday 15 th July	FOSS Crazy Hair Day – suggested £1 donation Cowbell Assembly Fundraising Fiesta 3pm to 4pm Year 3 sleep over
Week commencing 18 th July	Optional parent consultation meetings
Monday 18 th July	Year 6 swimming
Tuesday 19 th July	3.30pm EYFS (new starters) Teddy Bears' Picnic
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Day of Fun with Premier Sport
Thursday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2.15pm Last day of term (no After School Care Club today)

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Helen Morris

Headteacher



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