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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Exam season has finally come to an end. The last two weeks have seen our Year 1 children take their phonics check and Year 4 their times table check. We hope to shortly receive their results, which we will share with you. The teachers of the Reception children are making their final assessments as the pupils reach the end of Early Years. These too will be reported to you, once moderated and collated, on their school report. We expect to receive the Year 6 results in July and these too will be shared as soon as we have them. Teachers are also beginning to write your child's school reports which will reflect on the progress, efforts and achievements your child have made across the curriculum this year. These reports will come to you towards the end of term.

As you would expect we are also looking towards and planning for next year. The majority of Year 6 will be visiting their High Schools on Tuesday and Wednesday next week and we will take advantage of this time to enable all our pupils to visit the classroom and spend time with the class teacher that they will have next year too. This will happen on Tuesday. At the end of school, your child should be able to tell you who their teacher will be. For younger children they will have the details on a letter. Teachers have already and will continue to share information relating to your child's academic progress and any other needs that they have with the new class teacher.

A number of our classes have been out and about in recent weeks. Reception had a great time at Little Woodpeckers, enjoying the outside, discovering habitats, creating art, playing and building. If nothing else they enjoyed getting muddy! Year 3 have visited Tatton Park, this time for a day learning about The Stone Age and next week Years 1 and 2 are off to Legoland and the Sea life Centre, and the Blue Planet respectively. The fun keeps on coming.

Music Performance at The Cheshire Show

A number of our Junior children were invited to, and attended the Cheshire Show. This is in recognition of our reputation for Music and in particular our school band and choir. As always, they performed brilliantly and represented their school with gusto. Their next event will be the Summer Concert at school on the 10th July. A big thank you to all the children and to the staff who support and teach them. We are very proud to have so many of our children engaging with music beyond the classroom, whether that is attending Recorder Club with Mrs Levy, Ukulele Club with Mrs Hayes, singing in the infant or junior choirs, or learning to play brass instruments and ultimately playing in the school band. In lessons we try to ensure that children have opportunity to play 4 different instruments through their junior years and we have developed very close links with Love Music Trust. I am also pleased that a number of children continue their music into high school and in the



past, I have been fortunate enough to see ex pupils play in The Royal Albert Hall and one talented young man become the Young Musician of the Year.

Athletics Team Win Again.

Thanks must also go to Mrs Done, Mr Griffiths, Mr Spens, Mr Dowell and our coaches for ensuring the success of our sports teams this year. The last two weeks have, once again, proven very successful for our Athletics Team, building on their success in the Cross Country and Indoor Athletics. Last week they took part in the Sandbach Schools Town Sports and finished winners overall. It was a great event held at Sandbach School. This week the team took part in the Crewe and Nantwich Schools Town Sports. This time they were up against 32 other schools competing in the top of 3 divisions, known imaginatively as Group A. On Monday night they competed in the field events at the Cumberland track in Crewe: long jump, high jump and throwing, with a number of our children finishing in the top 3 in their event. This success was then taken into the track events on The Barony in Nantwich on Wednesday. After a very eventful evening of races the team were finally announced as overall winners – another fantastic achievement which we have only managed on a few occasions previously. Once again, I am very pleased to hear that a number of our children are inspired enough to compete in sport out of school. We have a number of children who do dance, play golf, football, skateboarding, rugby, cricket, netball and martial arts to name a few. In the past we have been proud of the achievements of past pupils too. We have had children representing GB in Martial Arts, playing football for Stevenage Town, netball for Manchester Thunder Academy, regional standard athletes and Eleanor Heaps who is currently goalkeeper at Tottenham Hotspurs and represented England School girls. Well done also to Mr Jones (ex Crewe and NI international), one of our sports coaches, who represented England at the over 40s football world cup in Thailand last week, winning it and finishing top goal scorer of the tournament. Let's hope England can do the same in Germany.

Holiday and Unexplained Absence Fines are increasing.

The vast majority of parents at The Dingle ensure their child's attendance and punctuality is excellent. However, for those of you who considering taking your child out of school for a holiday, or whose attendance is generally erratic, without a substantial or exceptional reason, it is only fair I warn you that the fines will be increasing. As of September, the fine increases to £80 per child per adult, doubling if it is not paid within 21 days. Therefore, if you are a family of 4 with 2 children, please expect an additional £320 to be added to your holiday costs, rising to a potential £640 if not paid on time. A second offence will automatically be double and for a third offence it is likely the case will proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. Some of you are already at one offence and one family two. Attached is a document with more details

Reminders for parents

Sports day 4th July. KS 2 is at 9:30 am and Infants is at 1:30pm. You are welcome to bring a chair. The children sit on one side of the track and the parents on the other. Please do not encroach onto the track and keep the finish area clear. If we have to cancel we will send a message out asap.

Today, we have reminded children in **Year 2** that they should not be climbing on the green fencing while waiting to enter their classes in the morning. Please could parents remind their child of this if they forget. Thank you.

A number of children are coming into school with **tattoos** on their arms. I understand that this is quite fun as a young child and sometimes come with a sweet, but please could they be removed for school. Thank you.



Please can you ensure your child keeps to the **school uniform** guidance. I know the weather may well be warming up, but please can we ensure no stomachs or unexpected t shirts or shorts appear. Thank you again.

School bags for 24/25. Please could you ensure children in the infants (Rec to Year 2) only come with their school, blue book bag which then fits in their tray in the classroom and that children do not bring ruck sacks as there is no where for these to be stored. For those children who do not have a school dinner, lunch boxes are obviously allowed too. We would prefer older children to use book bags also, although I know many of them already have a school ruck sack. In the Juniors some classes do have small lockers or an area with pegs where small ruck sacks can be stored. If they do not fit in the allocated space we will be asking them to keep them at home, especially as many of them only have air in them.

Mobile phones should only be coming into school in exceptional circumstances when for example an older child walks home or needs to make contact with a parent at the end of school. We do not therefore expect children below Year 6 to be bringing them to school. Phones have to be handed in on arrival at school to the Year 6 class teacher and collected at the end of the day. Children do not have any access to their phone during the school day. We cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to phones brought into school.

First day of school for the children in September will be **Wednesday 4th September**.

At last, on the summer solstice, we seem to have a forecast of weather more appropriate to the season. Let's hope it comes true and we all get a bit of time to play outside.

‘ The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide world's joy. ‘ Henry Ward Beecher

Mr Cox
Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary

June

25th and 26th Year 6 Transition to Sandbach Boys and Girls High Schools

25th Children experience their new classes for Sept 24

28th Year 2 Trip to Blue Planet, Chester

July

1st Year 1 trip to Legoland and Sealife Centre

2nd Reception Class Sept 24 meeting for parents 6pm

4th Sports Day 9:30 am Juniors; 1:30 pm Infants

8th New Reception pupils stay and play 3:45 to 4:30pm

10th New Reception pupils stay and play 3:45pm to 4:30pm

10th Summer Music Concert

12th Parents and Grandparents afternoon and summer fair

17th Year 6 Leavers' performance to parents

18th Infant and Junior School Discos: Infants 4:30 – 5:30pm; juniors 5:45pm to 7pm

19th Last day of summer term

September

Wednesday 4th September- school reopens for pupils.