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Dear Parents and Carers

It hardly seems possible that we have been back from the Easter break for two weeks. So much teaching and learning has been happening in school and through our enrichment programme.

Nissan Visit

Year 6 visited the Nissan Technical Centre to take part in an interactive workshop called 'Monozukuri Caravan'. The children explored the exciting world of design and engineering through the use of an electric car design, build and race task that required them to use their creativity and to work as a team. In addition to this they were shown the importance of seatbelts and car safety in a crash test activity.

Year 6 have also had a visit from Frankie McVeagh who is currently in year 7 at Parker E-Act. He came into school in his own time to talk to the children about transition to secondary school and to share some of his own experience and top tips! We work hard to ensure that our children are well supported on their transition and thank Frankie for sharing his experiences.

It was educational to see how the cars were made. I was impressed by how much testing was going on.
Phoebe

I enjoyed the fun, creative activities. I would like to be involved in the designing of cars.
Taylor

I thought the challenges were really exciting – especially trying to keep the egg safe.
Drew

KS2 Parent Maths Workshop

We were delighted to welcome parents to the maths workshop with Jonathan Hughes on 17th April. Parents were introduced to a range of resources together with the teaching and learning strategies we use in school. We focused on exploring fractions and making links across the maths curriculum.



Year 3

All of the children in year 3 have begun their guitar lessons with a teacher from Northampton Music and Performing Arts Trust. They were very excited when the guitars were delivered and both Mrs Sawyer and Mr Hancock were very pleased with their enthusiasm for learning this instrument. We are hoping they will be able to give a concert to parents later in the term.

Poetry Jam

We have our poetry jam in school today. Each class has been busy learning a poem to share with the audience. All children who bring in a poem will share this with their class and then some of those children will be invited to share their poem with a wider audience. It is lovely to see the children taking pleasure in poetry and having the confidence to either speak alone or with their class. We will include photographs and comments in our next newsletter.

Dates for your Diary

We have attached a list of the important dates for the summer terms. It may be that we get the opportunity to take up other events and, if so, we will let you know as soon as possible. All of the dates are on the school website. You will receive reminders through the school app. If you do not yet have this, but would like to know how to download it, then please refer to the instructions on the school website.

May I draw your attention to two of these dates. On 3rd May 2018 year 6 parents are invited to an informal meeting to discuss SATs arrangements. Mrs Willis will be available immediately after school or after the booster session.

We have the school fete on Saturday, 7th July 2018 and we ask that all children attend to take part in the whole school dance performance which opens the fete.

Summer Celebration for the 50th anniversary of the opening of the school

Mrs Lawson will be writing to you about our plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of our school. Please look out for this letter because we want to involve the whole school community both past and present in these celebrations.

Swimming

The pool has been cleaned and filled so we are now waiting for the water to reach the right temperature for swimming lessons to commence. We will let you know when it is ready. A reminder that children should not have their ears newly pierced. Mr Pryce will be writing to you about swimming lessons very shortly. Swimming is part of the national curriculum and therefore all children are required to take part in these lessons.

Parent / child / teacher consultations

Finally, we would like to thank all parents for attending the parent/teacher/child consultation sessions. It is wonderful to know that the children have such a great blanket of support around them through home and school. Thank you also to those parents who completed the governor survey form. The comments will be shared at the next full governor meeting. Your feedback is so important to help move our school forward for all of our wonderful children.

We look forward to seeing you throughout this term and here's hoping for some warm weather!

Kind Regards.

Gwenda Barker
Headteacher

Dates for your diary –

Date	Event
23.4.18	Frankie McVeagh in to talk to Yr.6
25.6.18	Music Yr.3 (Guitars)
26.4.18	Class Photos - am
27.4.18	2.30 Whole School Assembly + Parents for Poetry Jam
1.5.18	Yr.2 SATs assessments throughout this month
2.5.18	Collective Worship Rev Nat with Kim & Jean
3.5.18	KS2 Year 6 SATs meeting for parents 6.00 – 7.00 pm
10.5.18	9.30 Yr.5 Puberty talk
	PM Parent class drop in
All week 14.5.18	SATs KS2
21.5.18	Choir to Friendly Club
	Whole School RNLI assembly
25.5.18	Pentecost Picnic - TBC
5.6.18	12.45 Parker – Yr.6 Transition Day
6.6.18	1 – 2.30 PM 50 th Anniversary celebration tea event
	6-7pm Frontier Centre Residential Meeting
8.6.18	Magistrates Yr.6 am
11.6.18 all week	Phonics screening Yr. 1
12.6.18	1 – 2.30 PM 50 th Anniversary celebration tea event
13.6.18	Yr.4 Twycross Class Visit
15.6.18	Non uniform - FOBS
18.6.18	Reception Health screening am – School Nurses
20.6.18	Reception Health screening am – School Nurses
21.6.18	6pm New Reception Parents Induction Evening
22.6.18	Chris Heaton Harris MP Visit with Fitter Future
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27.6.18	PM New Reception children induction
28.6.18	PM New Reception children induction
5.7.18	Parker transition day
6.7.18	Values Day - Children are able to dress up as a character from a book or bring in an object/picture/photograph which shows one of our school values (details to follow)
7.7.18	Summer Fayre 11 am dances start
9.7.18	Yr.6 reflection day PDET
12.7.18	PDET sports some children from 2,3,4,
13.7.18	Bastille Day activities
	PM Sports Day
18.7.18	50 th Celebration Day including special collective worship (Children may dress up in sixties clothes - details to follow)
20.7.18	Leavers Assembly 9.30 am