



May 2017

Dear Parents,

Well the sunshine obviously heard my call in the last newsletter! Children have been enjoying the good weather and making the most of the opportunities to be outside in the fresh air over recent days. Thank you too all of you who are sending sun cream and sun hats to protect them. Teachers are actively encouraging them to spend time in the shade and drink plenty of water as well.



Thank you all for your continued patience during the recent road closures, I know that parking has been difficult. It looks like the work is moving on at a pace and I am hopeful that, when return from the half term break, the disruption will be over.

All of the children recently took part in an NSPCC Keeping Safe Assembly and the Y5 and Y6 children also had a keeping safe workshop. We are very grateful to the NSPCC for these workshops and it was wonderful to see that the vast majority of our children knew what they needed to do to keep safe and who to speak to if they didn't.



In terms of internet safety, please can I take this opportunity to remind you to speak regularly with your child about how to stay safe online. Just in the last week we have spoken with children that thought that an acceptable use of the internet was to talk to strangers and another who was unaware of the dangers of sharing personal information about themselves (e.g. name, date of birth and school they attend) while they are online. Thankfully we have been able to identify these misunderstandings and address them with individual children and the rest of their class, please continue to be vigilant while your children are using the internet.

A huge well done to Y2 and Y6 who have been completing their end of key stage assessments (SATS) this month. The children and teachers have worked incredibly hard and I know that everyone tried their very best. The children took a mature and positive approach to these assessments and were a credit to you all. Next it will be the turn of Y1 who have the phonics screening check during the week of 12th June – please ensure that your child is in school during this week in order to complete their check.



Well done to Lions who have celebrated winning last term's attendance with a Cosy Day – the children all looked very comfortable in their PJs! Great work Lions! It will be announced in assembly this afternoon which class has won this term.

Thank you to everyone who donated during our recent Mufti Day – it raised valuable funds for our RSA to buy prizes and things ready for the Summer Fayre in a few weeks. On the 16th June the RSA will be holding another Mufti Day – this time they are asking children to bring a jam jar full of sweets or small toys to donate to our Jam Jar Tombola stand also at the Summer Fayre – this stall is always a huge hit with our children and some of the donations in recent years have been very inventive with jars full of pretty hair bobbles, sweets or bouncy balls.



Many of you will be aware that, unfortunately, we regularly have 'little visitors' in children's hair – sadly, this is one of those unavoidable childhood rights of passage for many. As you know, the quicker these are identified and treated, the more able we are to prevent them spreading to other children. At present, if we notice a child has head lice, we send out a generic letter to all children. This will continue but I will shortly be sending a survey out via survey monkey using the text system to ask whether you would prefer to be notified personally if we have noticed head lice in your child's hair. This would take the form of a discreet phone call or quiet word in the playground and would, hopefully, ensure that affected children are treated more quickly. Please use the survey to let us know whether you think this is a positive way forward and we will go with the majority vote.

Over the coming months, as the weather hopefully stays warm, please ensure that your child continues to wear appropriate footwear to school. Sandals are great, as long as they are sturdy and have straps that hold them securely to your child's foot. Flip flops should not be worn as these can be very dangerous when children are running around on the playground. The warm weather also means that it is more important than ever to ensure that, in the interests of hygiene, your child has a change of clothes for PE lessons.



As you will be aware from my previous newsletter, the Women's Cycling Tour will be passing through Ringstead on Wednesday 7th June. In order to celebrate this exciting event, the children will spend the day designing and creating their own flags and 'winners jersey' to wave and wear as the cyclists pass! On this day children may also bring their bike with them to school if you wish as we will set up small cycling routes on the playground for them to use. Please note that if your child does bring their bike they MUST also wear a helmet. Without a helmet they will not be allowed to participate.



Following recent events in Manchester the school held a minutes silence, along with the rest of the country on Thursday 25th May, the children were very respectful during this and I asked them to focus upon the fact that there is far more good in the world than bad and, while these atrocities do happen, there are good people who are doing their very best to protect everyone from harm. I explained to the children that our Christian Values here in school and our British Values say that everyone has a freedom to believe what they wish to believe and we should be respectful of this. However, it is not ok for anyone to harm another person based on their beliefs or for any other reason. As always, please remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to the relevant authorities.

Finally, I'm sure that you will all join me in congratulating Miss Day who will return after the holidays as Mrs Roberts.



I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday, we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 5th June when school re-opens to pupils.

Best wishes
Mrs Buckley

Important dates for your diary:

Monday 5th June – School re-opens to pupils
Wednesday 7th June – Cycling Event as the Women's Tour passes through Ringstead
Monday 12th – Friday 16th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Week
Thursday 29th June – Lion Class Assembly at 9am
Friday 30th June – RSA Summer Fayre
Tuesday 4th July – Transition Day
Thursday 6th July – PDET Reflection Day for Y6 pupils at Peterborough Cathedral
Friday 7th July – July Rose
Thursday 13th July – Giraffe Class Assembly at 9am
Friday 14th July - Annual Reports sent home
Friday 14th July – RSA Sleepover
Monday 17th July – PDET Sports Day
Wednesday 19th July – Year 6 Graduation Evening
Thursday 20th July – School Sports Day
Thursday 20th July – RSA Disco
Friday 21st July – Leavers assembly in Church
Friday 21st July – School Closes for the Summer Holidays