

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to say that many of the formal and informal assessments have now been completed within school. We shall soon be able to publish the Key Stage 1 and 2 results to the parents also and inform Year 1 and 2 parents of the phonics screening check results. I am so pleased that the staff have conducted all the assessments with minimal stress to the children. In return they all managed to show us their true potential. Well done to all of our children for trying their best.

Below is some more news, **including important updates to the school trip to the seaside.**

Once again, hoping you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Neil Aiken



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Dates.....

Monday 2nd / 3rd July Selected Schools Transfer Day for Year 6 Children

Wednesday 4th July Year 6 Trip to Twin Lakes

Friday 6th July (Res. Wed 11th)...School Sports Day at 1.45pm

Monday 9th / 10th July Selected Schools Transfer Day for Year 6 Children and a PDET reflection day at the Cathedral. Loddington School moving up day.

Wednesday 11th July School Summer Fair at 3.30-5.00pm

Thursday 12th July Year 3/4 PDET Sports Day at Wicksteed Park (selected pupils)

(CHANGE OF DATE)

Thursday 12th July Year 6 Leavers' Party 6-7.30pm

Friday 13th July School reports out

Monday 16th July Whole school trip to seaside

Thursday 19th July (Last day of term as 20th July is a Training Day)...Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Church Service at 1.45pm

Sports

Children have had numerous opportunities across the school to take part in Multi Skills competitions, School's Athletics competitions, Football competitions and our best result yet...Tag Rugby at the Kettering Rugby Grounds where we didn't lose any games at all in the whole tournament....a big well done to our sporting teams!!!!

Important....Beach Trip To Hunstanton....Important

Plans are progressing in the organisation of the whole school trip to Hunstanton. Today we have been checking our full risk assessments for the entire trip.

In previous years, including the last time Pytchley School went on the same boat, children on boat trips were allowed to wear life jackets. We have spoken to the boat organisers and children are no longer permitted to wear life jackets during the cruise, despite their being provision for them on board. This ruling is in contradiction with our risk assessment, as when we take the children sailing at Cransley, they have to wear a life jacket to even stand on the pontoon! As a result we have had to cancel the boat trip. This does mean that the children will get more beach time, as well as having their lunch and an ice cream, and the price will also drop to £14.

Opportunity for Yr R/1 parents

All parents, naturally, have concerns in sending their children to the beach in such a large group. Firstly, may I reassure all parents that the planning for this trip is meticulous. The children will be in a cordoned part of the beach, they will have wrist bands with a contact number (although we will not lose them in the first place...this is an emergency procedure), tides and weather will be studied, paddling areas will have a staff maintained rope barrier and all children will be escorted to and from toilets...etc..

As we are intending this to be an annual event, we would like to give the parents of our very youngest children (YrR/1) the opportunity to meet us at the beach so that you can spend the day there too. Your child would still need to come on the school buses, you would have to arrange your own transport and your child would need to be grouped within the main school party at all times.

Children from Year 2 up have experienced whole day excursions before and we know they will have no reservations or worries in going. **If you would like to take this opportunity, it is essential that you contact the school office to let us know that you will be joining us on the beach on the day, so that we can manage the adults within the secure area of the beach.**

Sweet / Bottle Mufti

In preparation for the school fair (Wednesday 11th July) FOLS have asked us if we could collect sweets to value of a pound and bottles (to be taken straight to the school office) for the stalls on the day.

Sweet Mufti Day.....Wednesday 27th June

Bottle Mufti Day.....Thursday 5th July