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Dear Parents,

We can't believe how quickly this term has flown by already, with less than two weeks before the end. We hope you enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekends and the Coronation Conga, for those that attended our celebrations. A thank you to both the PTA and the Parish Council for the Coronation pins and patches that our children received. What a lovely memory to keep!

Please find some general updates below; additional information will follow in due course with regard to up-coming events.

Naming our Classes

As you are aware from our communication last week, we have now revealed the new names of our classes! We are delighted to share the School Council's chosen names:

Class 1 - Ashton Class

Class 2 – Braeburn Class

Class 3 – Redstreak Class

Class 4 - Hasting Class

Class 5 – Dabinett Class

You will see our class signs up shortly. It was lovely to be joined by Eleanor Thatcher, a past pupil and member of our community, for the reveal. The event was also captured and shared with the Wessex Learning Trust family.

External Assessments

A huge congratulation to all our Year 6 pupils for undertaking their SATs last week; we were extremely proud of their attitudes and approach to the tests. We will be continuing to support our Year 4, Year 2 pupils and Year 1 children as they undertake their statutory assessments in May and June. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.



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Pupil Behaviour updates

As a school, we have been working hard to ensure our pupils display their best possible behaviour **at all times** and are always reflecting on how this can be best supported and improved. We are delighted to now be awarding the Ambassador Cup for the pupils who display exemplary behaviour and attitudes in our school and hope our celebratory postcards home have also been well received.

To support positive behaviour choices at lunchtimes, a member of the SLT is now present every day and we are delighted to have engaged Premier Education sports coaches on a Tuesday, to facilitate access to the much-loved football. This has been a huge success.

Our pupils demonstrate a strong sense of belonging to our school and we work hard to ensure they feel safe, listened to and cared for. However, if an occasion arises where poor behaviour presents itself, this **must** be addressed and we continue with our behaviour log system, as well as an immediate sanction in school, such as missing playtime, and important reflective and restorative time. Most importantly, we remind our pupils that **'each day is a new day'** and retain our unconditional positive regard for all pupils.

We appreciate the support we receive from home to ensure our children always exemplify the very best of themselves and represent our school well, in their attitude and their presentation (including school uniform).

Website developments

We are excited that our new website has started being developed and will be ready for the end of the school year...hopefully! We will let you know our launch day nearer the time.

Meal price increase

Please be aware that our caterers, Aspens, are increasing their meal price to £2.35 from Monday 5th June.

Uniform

We have welcomed the summer uniform into school this term, along with the warm weather. However, there are many pupils wearing trainers to school. Can we remind parents that our policy states: Black Polishable Shoes (no heels, trainers, pumps, or platforms) OR Black/White or Polishable Sandals with closed toes.

School Bags

Our bag and coat trolleys have worked extremely well this year; so may we remind you again that children only need a **small** bookbag or school bag to bring to school with them, in anticipation of purchasing new bags etc for the new school year.

Reminders

Key dates –

Tuesday 23rd May—3.30pm—Year 4 & 5 Osprey Camp Meeting

Friday 26th May—end of Term 5

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Monday 5th June—Start of Term 6

Wednesday 7th June—Class 4 trip to East Somerset Railway Station

Thursday 8th June—PTA Quiz Night

Monday 12th-14th June—Year 6 to Barton Hall, Torquay, residential trip

Wednesday 21st June—Sports Day

Friday 23rd June—Years 4 & 5 to Osprey Camp

Tuesday 27th June—'Moving Up' Afternoon (new 2023-24 classes)

Tuesday 4th July—Class 3 Swimming Gala—Class 3 pupils

Tuesday 4th July—6pm KS2 Summer Performance

Thursday 6th July—1.30pm KS2 Summer Performance

Monday 10th July—Year 4 pupils to Somerset Cricket Ground, Taunton

Friday 14th July—PTA Sandfest 4pm-6pm

Tuesday 18th July—Year 6 BBQ/Party & Leavers Assembly (2.30pm)

Wednesday 19th July—End of Term 6

Many thanks for your continued support, and we look forward to an enjoyable term ahead.

Kind regards

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