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Friday 14th June

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to the Summer term

It's hard to believe that we are in the last half term of the academic year and are already two weeks in! Well done to all the children in Year 4 who finished the last of their statutory Multiplication Checks this week – we know how hard you have been practicing at home! Well done also to the children in Year 1 who have started completing their Phonics Checks this week.

Open Mornings

It has been a pleasure to see so many family members taking part in school events over the last two weeks. Open Mornings have been very well attended and saw children and their families taking part in a whole host of activities demonstrating our broader curriculum. Lessons covered compass directions, sewing, exploring materials, Greek Gods and Goddesses, tasting Mayan foods, classification (of sweets!), and work on the topic of the Hungry Caterpillar!

Sports Day

Sports Day was fantastic; it was such a privilege to be able to attend all three events and see children from Nursery to Year 6 giving their all in a range of different races whilst providing great support and encouragement for each other. Everyone who came to watch created a lovely atmosphere of inclusion, celebration and fun by cheering all children across the line as they finished their events. Our former pupils who now attend Hartford High School were brilliant helpers and we couldn't have run the events without them. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and organisation in ensuring everything ran like clockwork!

Trips

We have been feeling exceptionally proud of pupils in Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 who have been out of school this week on various trips. Year 3 visited the Lion Salt Works and Years 5 and 6 visited a Gurdwara in Manchester then performed with the Halle Orchestra with other primary schools at the Bridgewater Hall. The behaviour of all children when out of school has been exemplary, and their engagement with the learning and different activities has been fantastic. Well done everyone.

PTA Events

Next Friday, 21st June, is a dress down day. Children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation of a bottle of alcohol (hand to staff please) or some chocolates for the Summer Fair tombola. The Summer Fair is straight after school on Friday 28th June, the following week.

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance at school is essential if children are to make the most of their education and the opportunities offered in school. Improving attendance is a Government priority and absences due to holidays taken in term time will not be authorised; fixed penalty notices (FPNs) will be issued by the local authority in the majority of cases. FPNs are issued to each parent (whether they are involved in the holiday or not) for each child. Therefore, two parents taking three children out of school would receive a total of six fines. Contrary to some misinformation, school does not receive any income from FPNs. Please do not take your child out of school for holidays in term time, do your best to schedule appointments outside of the school day and bring children to school on time. It all adds up to make a big difference in the long run. Thank you for your support.

Winners Drop off and Collections

A polite request to all families that use the car to drop off and collect at Winners, to kindly turn off your engines when you leave the cars, or are waiting in the car. Several people have commented on the impact on air quality at the front of school at these times of day.

Meet the Governors

Some of our school governors will be on the playground for an informal 'meet and greet' at the end of the day on Tuesday 9th July. If you have any queries, are interested in becoming a governor or want to know a little more about their work, please stop by to say hello.

Family Picnic and Early School Closure on Tuesday 23rd July 1:15pm

On the last day of the Summer term, Tuesday 23rd July, we will be holding our family picnic from 12:00pm on the school field. School will close early to all pupils at 1.15pm following the picnic. Children will return to class for their afternoon registration mark and then be available for collection in the normal way. All pupils will need collecting. Winnington Winners after school club will only be open for the morning session on this day.

Yours sincerely,

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