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Message from the Head...

Dear Parents / Carers,

This first half of the summer term is speeding past and we are almost at 'SATs Week' for our Year 6 pupils. These formal assessments will take place during week beginning May 13th. The children's attendance at school that week is very important, as is their punctuality and restful preparation beforehand. We will be providing Year 6 pupils with breakfast on the mornings of the assessments (Monday-Thursday) and supporting a (hopefully!) calm environment for them all. The SATs are always a big moment for the children but we don't want them to add pressure. We simply challenge the children to do their best, stay focused and put their energy into doing as well as they can.

Another assessment coming up in June is our Year 1 phonics screening. This assessment checks the progress of children's reading skills, using a combination of real and 'alien' words. The phonics screening is delivered 1:1 with familiar adults in a familiar setting. Again, we aim to create a comfortable and supportive environment for children to succeed in.

Our EYFS pupils enjoyed their visit from Monach Memories on Tuesday this week, which allowed them to meet a variety of animals. The children were presented with rosettes, which they all seemed very proud and happy to be wearing!

Some parents and carers have been asking about class organisation for next year. This is something you will be notified about next half term, towards the end of June or early July. It is natural to feel some apprehension about the placement of your child into their next class but experience has shown us that many initial concerns have turned into success stories once children have had a chance to get used to their new environment, teacher and classroom dynamic. I hope you will have a degree of trust in us as we plan for next year and the best interests of all our pupils.

As last week, a reminder that any entries for the Octagon Writing Competition (see correspondence from 28th March, also attached to the message with this newsletter) need to be handed in to class teachers by next Friday, 10th May.

And finally, don't forget to sign your child up for the Colour Run on 24th May – sign up details below.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful bank holiday weekend!

Richard Martin

Diary Dates...

Mon, 6th May - School Closed (May Day)

13th - 16th May - KS2 SATS and Year 6 breakfasts

Fri, 24th May - Royal Institute Science Day & PTA Colour Run (after school)

Mon, 27th - Friday, 31st May - Half Term

Monday, 3rd June - Training Day (School Closed)

Friday, 7th June - Fathers & Others Present Day Room

Wednesday, 12th June - Fathers & Others Present Day Room

Friday, 28th June - PTA Outdoor Disco (FenHil Festival)

Thursday 6th June - 11th July - Swimming for Yr6

Dates, Reminders & Other Info...

- **Yr6 Swimming** – payments for the return coach journey across the 6 weeks is **due 13th May please**. Any final payments from Yr5 children's parents would also be gratefully received.
- **KLEE Class** Payment & Google Form Reminder for Shepreth School Visit. **Deadline 23rd May**.
- **MONET & WARHOL** Payment & Google Form Reminder for Meadow Farm School Trip. **Deadline Thursday, 9th May**.
- **Don't forget to sign up for the PTA Colour Run & Rainbow Raffle**. Please complete a Google form for each child at the following link: <https://forms.gle/p3t94fuMFj9cYoXn6>. Then pay the appropriate amount using School Gateway. (both forms and the correct payment must be received for children to be able to take part).