



Dear Parents and Carers,
It has been lovely having the children back in school this week – they seem rested and raring to go after their break.

Our Year 6 children have had a fantastic week at Fairthorne Manor, and returned to school smiling and tired this afternoon... plenty of washing too! We will make sure we hear all about their trip next week. Thank you so much to all the staff who gave up their time to go with them – I think they will be catching up on their sleep this weekend too!



The Year 3 children had a great trip to Pizza Express as part of their Design and Technology learning (they made pizzas!) 3BM went on Thursday, and 3NL went just before the half term holiday. Ralph writes; 'I liked it when we made the dough and made it perfectly round. We got to add the tomato and cheese. It was my first time – I'd never made a pizza before but I definitely want to do it again.' Leo writes: 'I really enjoyed it when we were modelling the dough it felt really nice. We could decorate our pizza with the toppings and we got to take our pizza home – it was very tasty.' Thanks to the Year 3 staff for organising this trip!

Volunteers

This week is officially national Volunteers Week, and I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank all the volunteers who help us out in any way in school with reading, trips, PSA events, uniform sales and so many more things. Special thanks to Mrs Rook and Mrs Stalley, who gave up their mornings to help with the Year 6 revision club and to our amazing Governing Body who bring such a wealth of experience and wisdom to our meetings. We really could not do it without ALL your help!

Bag2School

We hope you have had a good sort out to fill your Bag2School with any spare adults' or children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains or towels. The filled bags should be dropped off at the KS1 playground on **Wednesday, 12th June before 9am**. (Please don't send them in before that, as we have no-where to store them!) Hopefully you had a good clear out over the half term holiday. This has been a really successful fundraiser for us in the past, so we do hope you will be able to support us.

Wednesday 14th June – Review afternoon

On Wednesday 12th June, you are invited into school so that your child can share their work with you. School will be open from 1.30pm to 2.30pm, and then from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Please choose one session or the other – don't come to both! You should come into school via the main entrance (you will need to sign in). You will then collect your child and their work from their classroom, and then you can find a spot around school to look through it with them. Hopefully, we will be able to make use of the playground. If your child is with you outside, they must stay with you the whole time. You will need to leave via the office again so you can sign out. Please note that the sessions will end promptly at 2.30pm and 5.00pm, and you will be asked to leave the school at this time, so make sure you allow yourself enough time to view your child's work! Please remember this is not an opportunity to discuss your child's work with the teacher or teaching assistant.

WisePay

In line with the security updates to online payments, WisePay will now require users to change their log in passwords every 90 days. Please refer to the email sent earlier in the week for more information.

Reading Books

In the last few years, we have spent a lot of money updating our reading books to give the children a good range of high quality texts to bring home. Unfortunately, we have noticed that an increasing number of books are either being damaged at home, or not coming back into school at all. We really don't have the resources to sustain this, so we have no choice but to introduce a £5.00 charge for lost or damaged books from September 2024. Until then, we

will have a book return 'amnesty'! Please check all your bookcases and children's bedrooms to see if you have any of our books tucked away, and return them. Many thanks.

Sports' events

The **Year 1** sports event will be in the afternoon of Monday, 24th June in the KS2 playground.

The **Year 2** event will be in the afternoon of Tuesday, 25th June in the KS2 playground.

The **Reception** event will be in the afternoon of Wednesday, 26th June in the KS2 playground.

The **KS2** event, for children in Years 3 – 6 will take place in the morning of Tuesday, 2nd July at Bournemouth School for Boys.

Your child will need a T-shirt in their house colour for this event.

Attendance

I am pleased to tell you that our attendance at the end of Summer Term 1 was 96.12% and we are still above our target of 96%. Hopefully, we can continue to stay above target throughout the final term. Here is the attendance breakdown for each year group;

Reception	95.44%
Year 1	95.61%
Year 2	95.95%
Year 3	96.70%
Year 4	96.19%
Year 5	96.60%
Year 6	96.30%

Well done to all of key stage 2 for being above target!

Random Acts of Kindness

Every half term we will be giving the children a 'random act of kindness' challenge - simply doing something nice for someone else, without them asking and without you doing it for anything in return. Thank you to the PHRE ambassadors Esme and Hope for this half term's challenge of 'doing something to help in the community'. This could be saying hello to a lonely neighbour, picking up rubbish from around your area, making someone laugh, saying thank you to a shop assistant or delivery driver, donating to a charity shop, smiling at people, giving a colourful drawing to a librarian. We would love the children to tell their class school council representative about what they have done!

Stars of the week and Mission Statement hero

Our Mission Statement heroes this week are the D-Day veterans who showed such bravery 80 years ago.

Well done to our Stars of the Week

Super Role Model: RJ: Jacob, RP:Sienna; 1JC:Jamie; 1WH:Antony; 2ML:Thierry; 2NW: Antonia; 3BM:Harry; 3NL:Alexa; 4CY: Ruben; 4CR:Joel; 5JC:Lewis; 5RH;Mason.

Learning Champion: RJ:Kai; RP:Hallie; 1JC: Daniel; 1WH:Adam; 2ML:Mattias; 2NW: Evelyn; 3BM:Kade ; 3NL: Alessia; 4CY:Sofia; 4CR: Malena; 5JC:Klaudia C; 5RH:Alexandra.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 10 th June	2.15pm	5RH Class Liturgy – Parents/carers welcome
Wed 12 th June	1.30pm & 4pm	Review Afternoon
Wed 12 th June	8.25-9.00am	Bags2School collection
Thur 13 th June	2.15pm	5JC Class Liturgy – parents & carers welcome
Mon 17 th June	All day	Year 1 Trip to Portchester Castle
Thur 20 th June	All day	Reception to Moors Valley
Mon 24 th June	All day	Year 5 trip to Mary Rose
Mon 24 th June	Pm	Year 1 Sports Event- KS2 playground
Tues 25 th June	Pm	Year 2 Sports Event-KS2 playground
Tue 25 th June	All day	Year 6 Hengistbury Head
Weds 26 th June	Pm	Reception Sports Event- KS2 playground
Tues 2 nd July	Am	KS2 Sports Day- BSB field

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families.

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