



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 – weren't we lucky with the weather.

Year 2 had a super day out at Marwell Zoo. The children behaved beautifully and enjoyed finding out about animals and their habitats.



Well done to our Girls' football team, who travelled to the King Power Stadium in Leicester to take part in the National Finals of the ESFA Girls' Cup on Wednesday. I'm sure you will have heard that they won and are now champions of England! The whole school community is bursting with pride for these super star girls. They really embodied our values – determined, collaborative, and kind and dignified in victory! They all played absolutely brilliantly. Mr Yarrow and Mr Sparks also deserve a huge thank you, they have worked very hard with the team. All their hard work paid off and we are very proud of them all! Thank you also to all of the parents for all their support and to Mr Woodward for driving everyone to Leicester on the day. Watch out for 'South Today' tonight – we are hoping for a mention!!



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 you 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!



### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Review afternoon

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 2.30 and 5.00, 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.

### Summer Fair – Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June – 3.30 to 5.30pm

On **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June at 9,00am** we have a meeting to finalise arrangements for our Summer Fair – we really hope as many of you as possible will be able to come along, and offer some help and ideas. We really need your help and donations to make this a success for the school, and a time of really happy memories for the children.

On **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June** we will have a donation day – the children can wear mufti in exchange for a donation (or two!) On the 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting the following:

**Bottles** for the bottle tombola – anything in a bottle – bubble bath, squash, hopefully a bottle or two or wine!

**Pre-loved Soft toys** – clean and reusable please – that we can use for the Teddy Bear Orphanage.

**Decorated jam jars** – please see the attached flyer with some suggestions.

On Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, we would like donations of **cakes** – small ones are easier to sell. They can be home made or shop bought, but please remember **NO Nuts**, including coconut. We would also be grateful for a few which are gluten free and some dairy free, so all our children can buy something.

The biggest change this year is that we are going to try a **CASH-FREE** fair. We have purchased tokens, which you can buy in advance at a cost of 50p per token. Every thing at the fair will be sold in a unit of one token – for example, adult entrance will be one token (children entrance will be free), burgers and hot dogs will be four tokens. The tokens are available now to buy via WisePay – we will send the tokens home with your child so that you can bring them along on the day. The only thing that will not use our tokens, is the ice cream van (I know! How exciting!), they will take card or cash payment.

If you are able to donate a raffle prize – we would be very grateful.

We need as much help as possible to run the stalls on the day. The more volunteers we have, the fairer we can make the rota. If you are able to help on the day: setting up from 2.30pm, covering a stall for half an hour or so, or clearing up at the end, please let us know – either via the office (phone or email) or by telling the member of staff on the gate. You will notice that we have changed the timing slightly, so the Fair will now run until 5.30pm – we hope this will mean that more of you can come.

We really hope that you can come along and support this event – we have lots planned to make it fun for the children, and to raise money

for our school projects. We are hoping to use some of the money raised to develop our pond area and make it a focus for outdoor learning for the children – so we really need to raise as much as possible!

### Beach walk

On Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, we would like to invite all our families to take part in a sponsored stroll to the beach from St Walburga's. We will open the school playground for parking, and people will be able to register and set off from 10.00am. Please bring a picnic, and we can finish the walk with a lunch at the beach. We will provide a route – but you will be responsible for your child at all points, and no child can take part without an adult. (It is really intended to be a family day out!). We are hoping that we can generate some funds from this – again that we can use towards developing our outdoor area – so we have attached a sponsorship form to this email.

### Sports events

We will be celebrating all things sporty in school in the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> June. Key Stage 1 children will be taking part in activities each afternoon and you are invited to come and cheer your own child on. The final timings will be confirmed nearer the time but it will be approximately 1.15 – 2.30.

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Reception

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2

The Key Stage 2 Sports' event will take place on the morning of Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, and we are pleased to tell you that we have been able to secure the use of the field at Bournemouth School for Boys for this event. Again, we will send you further details nearer the time, but please put the date in your diary.

### School Mass

On Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, we are inviting the children from school to help us organise the 11.00am Parish Mass at the Annunciation. The children will be able to undertake a variety of roles during the Mass – readers, servers, welcomers and, of course, singing! We would like as many children as possible to join us for Mass – in their school uniform if possible. **If your child would like to undertake a ministry such as reading at this Mass, they should let me, Mr Browne or Mrs Crutchley know as soon as possible.** Many thanks.

### Sunshine

As it is getting warmer, please make sure you send your child to school with plenty of water, a hat, and we advise you apply sun cream at home, before they come to school.

### Attendance – End of Summer Term 1

Our whole school attendance was 95.32% at the end of Summer Term 1, which is exactly the same as the end of the Spring Term. It is a shame that it hasn't gone up but we are pleased to see it hasn't gone down! We are now in the final half term and we really do want to get to 96% attendance - it is achievable. Here is a breakdown of the attendance per year group and per key stage:

Group	Attendance
Reception	94.53%
Year 1	94.23%
Year 2	94.65%
Year 3	95.91%
Year 4	96.19%
Year 5	95.94%
Year 6	95.77%
Key Stage 1	94.47%
Key Stage 2	95.95%

Well done to Year 4 who are currently above 96%.

I have noticed that there have been quite a few requests for holidays in term time recently, it is expected for families to go away during the school holidays to avoid an impact to the children's learning. If there are exceptional circumstances for your child to be absent during term time, you must write to me in advance with your request. Our attendance policy is available on our school website should you wish to read it again. We also would like to reassure parents that we are here to offer support where necessary. So, if you do wish to discuss your child's attendance with us, at any time, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

### School photos

We do hope that you have been pleased with your child's photos – just a reminder that the deadline to order (for free delivery to school) is Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June. You can order after that date, but will have to pay postage.

### Mission Statement hero

Our Mission Statement hero this week is Musa Motha, an amazing contestant in Britain's Got Talent in spite of losing a leg to cancer. We were mesmerised by his performance and his strength of character and determination. He quoted from the film Rocky, when he said: "It ain't about how hard you hit, it's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward."

### Stars of the Week.

Well done to all our stars of the week who have been trying so hard to live out our Mission Statement:

**Learning Champions:** RP:Antony; RJ:Elsie; 1JC:Evelyn; 1NW:Klara; 2CR:Clara; 2NS: All of 2NS; 3MB: Blake; 3BM: Tiago; 4DC: Oliver, 4WH: Marcel; 5RD: Sergio; 5RM: Sebastian.

**Super Role Model:** RP: Anna; RJ: Daniel; 1JC:Isabella; 1NW: Bahar; 2CR:Lenna; 2NS: Max; 3MB: All of 3MB ; 3BM: Luke 4DC:Joseph; 4WH: Olivie; 5RD: Audrey; 5RM: Oliver.

Dates for you diary:

W/C 12 <sup>th</sup> June	All Week	Bikeability Year 6
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	PSA meeting re Summer Fair
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Pm	Review afternoon 1.30-2.30 or 4.00-5.00
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Reception visit to Moors Valley
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Donation/mufti day
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm	St Peter's Community Choir Concert- See attached Flyer.
W/C 19 <sup>th</sup> June	All Week	Bikeability Year 6
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Am	5RM visit to Kingfisher Barn
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Year 1 visit to Portchester Castle
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	3.30-5.30pm	Summer fair
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Am	5RD visit to Kingfisher Barn
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00	Sponsored walk to the beach (and picnic)
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Pm	Year 1 Sports afternoon (School)
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Pm	Reception Sports afternoon (School)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Am	Key Stage 2 Sports event (BSB Field)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Pm	Year 2 Sports afternoon (School)
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	11.00am	School Mass at the Annunciation

Wishing you all a lovely weekend with your family,

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