1st May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy May Day! Please remember there is a May Bank holiday this weekend so pupils return to school on Tuesday. We have lots of exciting activities planned for this term, including our Year 6 Residential trip, Swimming, Bikeability, School Games Day, Wonders of Wirral, Military Education, Fencing, Sports Day, Y6 leavers assembly and Summer Fair, plus many more. Let’s hope the sun keeps shining!

**SATS**

Some pupils in Year 6 are being entered for SATs. The national tests take place the week commencing Mon 13th May. The tests will be administered with as least stress as possible. Please make sure your child is in school this week. Any problems then please speak to your class teacher.

**PE Kit**

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school. The kit should contain a white t-shirt, dark shorts and pumps or trainers. You may wish to send in a sun hat on the days they have PE. If you’re unsure which days your child has PE then please put a note in their home school communication book.

**Barnstondale**

Year 6 residential trip is Wednesday 5th June to Friday 7th June. Mr Saul is the lead teacher on the trip. The residential is the highlight of most pupils’ time at Orrets Meadow. It gives them a chance to team build, grow in confidence and independence and try activities like canoeing, abseiling and archery, which they have never tried before.

Parents **MUST** arrange their own transport to take their child to Barnstondale for 9.30am on the Wednesday and to pick up their child at 3.30pm on the Friday.

Consent and medication forms have been sent home and must be returned to school as soon as possible.

Remaining money owed **MUST** be paid to school by **Friday 17th May**. Unfortunately if the full amount is not paid by this date then your child will not be able to go. Please contact school if there are any problems.

Please do not bring mobile phones or expensive equipment to Barnstondale. It may get lost or broken. Old clothes should be taken on the residential. Please do not buy anything new as it may get dirty, lost or torn.

Mrs Duncan will visit the pupils every evening and put updates and photos on the school Facebook page, so you can see they are ok and having lots of fun!

**Sun Care**

On sunny days can you please make sure your child brings to school a sun hat. Sun cream should be applied before school, in the morning, by a parent. If sun cream needs to be reapplied at lunchtime, can you send a bottle into school with your child’s name on it. It is preferable that your child applies it themselves, however if they will struggle with this, then a member of staff will apply it for them.

**Military Education**

Wow! What a success Military Education has been this year! They have covered Bushcraft activities and are now receiving First Aid skills, as requested by the parents on the curriculum survey. Classes 1,2,4 and 6 finish their sessions next week, then classes 5,3 and 7 will receive their first aid sessions. We will be ending the school year with a 100ft inflatable assault course on the last day, which Military Education will lead and supervise. Military Education photos are on the school Facebook page – Please follow us! It would be brilliant if all 70 parents were following us. It’s a brilliant way for you to see what your child is doing in school. If you could leave us a review on the page for prospective parents that would be great.

**Slippers**

Slippers can be worn by pupils in school if they find this more comfortable. Some children find wearing slippers helps them focus on their learning.

**PTA**

The next PTA meeting, to plan the Summer Fair, will be on Thursday 16th May at 4pm. All welcome. If your child needs to stay at school please let the school office know.

**Dates for the Diary**

6th May Bank Holiday – school closed

7th May Fit Fun Fest @ Claremount – Class 5

10th May Birkenhead Park Trip – Class 6

10th May OM v Hayfield Football match

11th-16th May SAT Week

14th May PTA meeting 4pm

17th May Drama Workshop – Internet Safety – classes 4,5,6,7

20th May Apple Store Trip – Class 3

21st-23rd May Autism Accreditation Assessment

24th May School Games Day – whole school

**27th-31st May Half Term – school closed**

**Mon 3rd June Inset day – school closed**

5th -7th June Barnstondale – Year 6

7th June Fencing – 5 weeks – Class 4

10th-14th June Being Healthy and Staying Safe Week – whole school

10th June Apple Store Trip – Class 4

14th June OM v Mainstream school football match – TBC

17th-28th June Swimming – Classes 5,6,7 (letters will confirm dates for each class)

25th June Midsummer Night’s Dream – play at Williamson Art Gallery – Class 7

2nd & 9th July Bikeability – Year 6s – letters will follow – you must be able to ride a bike.

5th July Sports Day – Parent invited

8th July Apple Store Trip – Class 5

10th July Induction Day – Year 6 go to new schools for the day

12th July OM v Mainstream school football match – TBC

19th July Leavers’ Assembly and Summer Fair

24th July Assault Course for all pupils

Lots more activities and trips are yet to be added to the calendar. Please check the school website calendar if you lose this letter.

Thank you for your continued support - Mrs Duncan