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Dear Parents & Carers

As we come to the end of this academic year, I cannot begin to describe how proud we all feel with the progress our pupils across the school have made academically and personally over the last year. As our Yr 6 pupils come to the end of their primary school years and move on to the next stage of their journey, secondary school, I would like to wish them all every happiness and success for their undoubtedly bright futures! I have been privileged to have seen the majority of these lovely children come through the school from nursery/reception, and am delighted by their achievements, both in and out of school. We wish them a fond farewell.

Musical Afternoon and Evening held Monday 3rd July:

This was an absolute success. Children (from Yr 2 to Yr 6) who play a musical instrument participated with great aplomb, performing beautiful music and showcasing their considerable talent. I would like to say thank you to each child and to their parents for their support!

I also want to thank Mrs Mabin and her father, Mr Holland, for organising and supporting this event to allow our talented musicians to share their music.

Year 5 African open afternoon: Yr 5 would like to thank all the parents/carers who attended the African open afternoon last Thursday 19th July. It was lovely to see the children sharing all the learning they had done surrounding this exciting topic. The quality of the projects created by the children (along with their amazing singing and dancing) was fantastic and the Yr 5 team would like to say a big thanks for all the hard work that must have gone on at home over the last few weeks!

Class Photos

Anyone who ordered a copy of their child's class photo should now have received a copy. The photos really were fantastic. I would like to say a huge thank you to Claire Bates who kindly gave her time to take the photographs and organising printing each photo.

W/B 10th July: Yr 6 Production: Aladdin

This really was a treat! Our Yr 6 pupils put on an exceptional performance that mesmerised the audience. I am incredibly proud of every child who took part. Without fail, they each committed to their roles, acting from the start to the finish of each performance. As a school, we purchased a licence from Disney to enable us to film the production. The DVDs will be available at £5.00 per copy at the Yr 6 Leavers assembly, and will also include the Yr 6 memories.

Annual Reports to Parents: The reports were sent home on Tuesday 17th July along with several leaflets. In the envelope additional information pertaining to the new academic year was also included. Please can I ask you to read through the **Transition Booklet** over the summer so you are familiar with your child's new year group arrangements for September. The report envelope also included a Parent Questionnaire to help us to evaluate our work this year and enable us to continue to improve. We would be most grateful if you were able to complete it and return it with your report acknowledgment slip. Thank you.

Thank You: As always, on behalf of the school team and pupils may I say a **huge thank you** to parents and volunteers who support the school in so many ways. The PTA give of their time voluntarily to put on events for the children and to raise funds for the school across the year. All money raised by both the PTA and the school go back into the pot to benefit the whole school. If you are able to join our PTA for 18/19 they would love to hear from you. Send your contact details into the office.

We have many volunteer helpers who have given of their time over the year to support the pupils in their learning in a variety of ways. Again, we recognise the massive support you give the school and the children and we are sincerely appreciative of the time you offer. Thank you all very much.

School Meals: Universal free school meals continues for all children in Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 only. For children in Yr 3 – Yr 6, the price for school lunches will rise to £2.50 per day when we return in September (if you think that your child is entitled to free school meals, please contact the office.) You will be able to purchase lunch tickets on-line through the schoolgateway with a minimum payment of £12.50 (5 tickets) or from either school office (cheques made payable to TWMAT). The autumn term menu will be available and published on our first day back.

September: We look forward to welcoming all pupils from Nursery through to Yr 6 back on **Wednesday 5th September**. Our new Reception parents have a choice of whether their child will complete 3 part-time or 3 full time days for the first week only. All reception pupils are expected to start full-time from **Monday 10th September** unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Headteacher. All Nursery children begin as normal on Wednesday 5th September.

I wish you all a fantastic, safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing you next term.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs Caroline Neal
Headteacher

Term Dates 2018/2019

Monday 3 rd and Tuesday 4 th September 2018	Non pupil days – staff in
Wednesday 5 th September 2018	Children return to school for Autumn term
Monday 22 nd October – Friday 26 th October 2018	Half-term holiday
Monday 29 th October 2018	Children return to school
Thursday 20 th December 2018	Last day of term
Friday 21 st December 2018 – Friday 4 th January 2019	Christmas holiday
Monday 7 th January 2019	Non pupil day – staff in
Tuesday 8 th January 2019	Children return to school for Spring term
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February 2019	Half-term holiday
Monday 25 th February 2019	Children return to school
Friday 5 th April 2019	Last day of term
Monday 8 th April – Monday 22 nd April 2019	Easter holiday
Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Children and staff return for Summer term
Monday 6 th May 2019	Bank holiday
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2019	Half-term holiday
Monday 3 rd June 2019	Non-pupil day – staff in
Tuesday 4 th June 2019	Children return to school
Monday 24 th June 2019	Non-pupil day – staff in
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019	Last day of term for pupils

Term Dates 2019/2020

Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2019	Non pupil days – staff in
Wednesday 4 th September 2019	Children return to school for Autumn term
Monday 21 st October – Friday 25 th October 2019	Half-term holiday
Monday 28 th October 2019	Children return to school
Thursday 19 th December 2019	Last day of term
Friday 20 th December 2019 – Friday 3 rd January 2020	Christmas holiday
Monday 6 th January 2020	Non pupil day – staff in
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	Children return to school for Spring term
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February 2020	Half-term holiday
Monday 24 th February 2020	Children return to school
Friday 27 th March 2020	Last day of term
Monday 30 th March – Monday 13 th April 2020	Easter holiday
Tuesday 14 th April 2020	Non pupil day – staff in
Wednesday 15 th April 2020	Children and staff return for Summer term
Monday 4 th May 2020	Bank holiday
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2020	Half-term holiday
Monday 1 st June 2020	Non-pupil day – staff in
Tuesday 2 nd June 2020	Children return to school
Wednesday 22 nd July 2020	Last day of term for pupils and staff