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Diary Dates

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May

25 th	Year 1 grandparents' day – 2pm
26 th	PTA non-uniform 'Bend the Rules Day' Half term begins!

June

5 th	Return to school
6 th	PTA meeting – 7pm in school (or via zoom)
5 th -7 th	5HW to Hathersage
7 th -9 th	5S to Hathersage
10 th	First Holy Communion – 11am in Church
12 th	First Holy Communion mass in school – 9.30am
13 th	New starters parents' meeting – 6pm in the hall
16 th	GSA's Got Talent – 5.15pm
19 th - 23 rd	Year 6 to The Briars
19 th	Year 5 to Christ the King
20 th	Year 4 to Christ the King
29 th	Feast of St Peter & Paul mass in school - 9.30am
30 th	Summer Fayre – 3.30-6pm

July

6 th	Reception to Twycross
	Year 1 to Rushcliffe Country Park
	Y3 to Magna
13 th	Nursery trip to Wheelgate
10 th	Transition morning – children meet their new teachers
14 th	Year 2 to Sherwood Forest
14 th	Year 6 Leavers' Party
17 th	Year 4 trip to Attenborough Nature Reserve
18 th / 19 th	Year 6 Production – 6pm
21 st	Leavers Mass in Church – 9.30am
	Last day of term

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of another busy half term, with lots of highlights.

We had a fantastic day celebrating the King's Coronation a couple of weeks ago – despite the rain! Many thanks to all of you who came to watch the concert at the end of the day.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the first 'GSA Cultural Diversity Day' on Monday which was planned and organised by Miss Smallwood along with a team of Year 5 children. It was wonderful to see the children dressed in an array of different colours to represent their cultural heritage. The day certainly started off with a 'bang' as the children were welcomed into school by a dhol drummer. This was followed by a fantastic assembly, with children showcasing many different countries through song, dance and prayer. The children then spent the day engaging in a variety of different activities around school from African Drumming, to Gaelic Football, to a Brazilian Carnival. Food tasting was a real hit too – many thanks to all of you for providing the food and drink for this.

Have a fantastic half term holiday – the weather looks set to be beautiful ☺

GSA's Got Talent

I was very impressed that so many children in KS2 auditioned for a chance to showcase their talents at our GSA's Got Talent evening on 16th June. After auditions on Tuesday and Wednesday, Miss Smallwood and I have decided on the final acts who will perform on the night and these children have been told who they are. Well done to everyone who auditioned – you were amazing!

Book Looks – 3pm till 4pm

We hope you can visit your child's class as part of our 'book looks' next half term. The dates for these are as follows:

Monday 19 th June	Years 1, 2 and 3
Tuesday 20 th June	Reception & Year 5
Thursday 22 nd June	Year 4
Monday 26 th June	Year 6
Tuesday 4 th July	Nursery (2.30pm start)

Sports Day Timetable

Year Group	Date	Time
Nursery	27 th June	9.15pm
Reception	Tues 11 th July	9.15am
Year 1 & 2	Weds 12 th July	9.15am
Year 3 & 4	Thurs 14 th July	9.15am
Year 5 & 6	Tues 4 th July	9.15am

Following the hot weather last year, we have decided to move sports days to the morning – just in case there is another heat wave! All events will take place on the school field (including the parents' race, so you'll need to get training!)

Year 6 SATs

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils who worked so hard to prepare for their SATs which took place a couple of weeks ago. We are very proud of them.

Fundraising

Many thanks for all your contributions to our Lenten Fundraising. Altogether we raised £1,800 for the CAFOD Turkey and Syria Earthquake appeal – this includes the sponsored walk and cake sale and also the Y2 cake sale organised by Olivia Broniewska.

Arbor

If you haven't done so already, please sign up to our new payment and communication app, Arbor. So far 61% of you have done so, which is great! Our contract with MyEd finishes over half term and will no longer be available when we return. If you require any support with this, please get in touch with the school office who will be happy to help you.

Current Vacancies at GSA

Full-time Teaching Assistant to work with a child in EYFS from September 2023. Click [here](#) for more information.

Midday supervisors to start as soon as possible. Click [here](#) for more information or see the attached flyer.

Many thanks to the Year 5 parents who have volunteered to be part of the swim watch team. We really do appreciate it 😊

Half term Activities

To help families make the most of their time together this half term, the Trust has put together a leaflet of low-cost or free activities in Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire (see attached). Also included are a number of restaurants where children can eat for £1 or less.