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Diary Dates

Headteacher Newsletter 12, 24th May 2024

May	
24 th	Aspirations Day – see below for more information
24 th	Last day of the half term
June	
3 rd	Return to school
3 rd – 5 th	5HW to Hathersage
5 th – 7 th	5MS to Hathersage
8 th	First Holy Communion – 11am in Church
10 th	First Holy Communion mass in school – 9.30am
11 th	New starters parents' meeting – 6pm in the hall
14 th	PTA meeting – 9am in the school hall
17 th	Class Photographs – come in uniform (bring PE kit if PE day)
24 th	Y5 Christ the King parents' meeting – 2.30pm in the hall
28 th	Summer Fayre – 3.30-6pm
July	
1 st	Feast of St Peter & Paul mass in school - 9.30am
3 rd	Reception to Twycross Zoo
8 th & 9 th	Year 6 Transition days to Christ the King
11 th	Nursery trip to Wheelgate
15 th	Year 4 to Christ the King – morning only
	Year 5 to Christ the King – afternoon only
16 th	Year 2 to Sherwood Forest
17 th	Year 1 to Stonebridge Farm
	Year 6 end of year trip to town – more information to follow
18 th	Year 4 trip to Attenborough Nature Reserve
19 th	PTA Break the Rules Day
24 th	Year 2 Beach Day
23 rd /24 th	Year 6 Production – 6pm
26 th	Leavers Mass in Church – 9.45am
	Last day of term

Year 3 will be going on a trip to Nottingham Castle – date to be confirmed.

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of another busy half term, with lots of highlights including the Year 6 Residential, Grandparents Day and Green Day.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the first 'GSA Aspirations Day' today where they found out about a variety of different professions including being a solicitor, midwife, music producer and plumber to name just a few. Many thanks to all the parents who came in to inspire the children by sharing information about their jobs and the skills needed to pursue their chosen career. Thanks also to the fire engine and police car that were a big hit on the playground.

Have a fantastic half term holiday – hopefully with some sunshine ☺

Best wishes,

Mrs Toner

Green Day

Many thanks for all your contributions to our 'Green Day' last Friday. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities to support their mental health and it was great to see so many stay behind after school for the movie night too. Particular thanks to the PTA, Mrs Brunton, Mr Connolly and the Wellbeing Warriors for organising the day – we raised £402 for Young Minds – [click here](#) for more information about the charity.

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 17 th June	Years 1, 2 and 3
Tuesday 18 th June	Reception
Thursday 20 th June	Year 4 & Year 5
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 6
Tuesday 2 nd July	Nursery (2.30pm start)

Sports Day Timetable

Year Group	Date	Time
Nursery	Thursday 27 th June	9.15am
Reception	Tuesday 9 th July	9.15am
Year 1 & 2	Wednesday 10 th July	9.15am
Year 3 & 4	Thurs 11 th July	9.15am
Year 5 & 6	Friday 12 th July	9.15am

All Sports Day 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 last week. We are very proud of them.

First Holy Communion

Many of our children will be making their First Holy Communion on the first Saturday after half term and we look forward to sharing this very special day with them. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Staffing News

We say farewell to Mrs Shajpal today as she begins her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing all about her new arrival in the coming weeks.

As you know, Mr Barfield will assume responsibility of Acting Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Dickson (Nursery Teacher) will take on the role of Acting Assistant Headteacher and, as part of her role, will take the lead on introducing the Opal Project into school. This is a very exciting initiative which aims to develop play and lunchtimes to ensure all children have access to a wide variety of play based opportunities. Further information about this project and how you can help will be shared next half term.

Parking around School

Unfortunately, I find myself writing to you again regarding the dangerous and inconsiderate parking of a small minority of you. On Tuesday, one of our parents mounted the kerb opposite school and hit another of our parents who was walking to school with their child. Luckily, they were not seriously hurt – however this could have been a very different outcome. For those of you who are driving and parking irresponsibly around school – please stop!

Fathers' Day gift: The PTA have arranged for children to be able to buy a special cupcake for their dads, grandads, uncles etc for Fathers' Day on 16th June. Cakes will come in an individual box and be sent home Friday 14th June. Pre orders only by Wednesday 5th June - £3.50 each available in the Arbor school shop.