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Dear Parent/Carers,

Good news! School has been successful in our application for the National Education Nature Park Grant. The money will help school to develop the school allotment and other areas of the school grounds. This continues to strengthen our commitment to supporting the environment.

We have enjoyed a short but busy and delightful half term. Year 6 completed their KS2 SATs tests. All of our pupils studied incredibly hard, showing great resilience, collaboration and aspirations. We are very proud of the maturity they displayed and encouragement for one another. Well done!

EYFS travelled through space, as they toured the Solar System in the Wonderdome! Year 1 and 2 children visited Brooksby Farm, where they learnt about farm life and different animals. Year 3 and 4 children visited Beeston Lock as part of their Geography fieldwork. They used a map and identified physical and human features around the canal and river. Year 5 have enjoyed Forest School Friday afternoons, learning about the environment and outdoor skills. Year 6 were not deterred by the rain and enjoyed their trip to Wollaton Park to participate in an Ancient Greece workshop.

As part of school's commitment to pupil's personal development. Years 3 and 4 put on a fabulous Egyptian showcase for their families, using drama as part of the Creative Collaborative project. Year 5 pupils were given the opportunity to develop their cycling proficiency through Bikeability. Pupils in Years 3-6, took part in the Road Safety Quiz, whilst Year 1 and 2 learnt about road safety through role play on the school playground which they turned into roads! Year 4 visited Capital One to deepen their knowledge about how maths is used in the real world and in business.

As part of our continued drive to promote reading for pleasure in school, Years 3 -6 were all thrilled to receive their second book, chosen as part of the National Literacy Trust Young Readers Programme. The Booknic was a great success – despite the weather!

Thank you to parents and carers for their continued engagement with the Maths scrapbook activities. We have been overwhelmed with the quality and variety of completed tasks. It shows what we have always known, that maths is fun and for everyone!

Support with Home Learning

Our teaching team work very hard to help your child to achieve and make progress. Please can you support school and complete weekly homework and read with your child every day. Please sign their reading diary and ensure their book is brought to school every day. We love to reward your child with reading stamps to complete the Reading Rainbow certificate. Your continued support is very much appreciated and has a positive impact on your child's education and progress made.

Staying Safe on Site

Thank you very much to the vast majority of parents and carers for supporting our school rule: **Be Safe** at the start and end of the day. We kindly ask that families do not play with games equipment or ball games whilst waiting for classrooms to open to children. Also, for scooters/bikes to not be rode on the playground and placed in the shed for safe keeping once arriving on school premises.

Parents and carers must supervise their children from EYFS to Year 4, until classrooms open to children. Year 5 and 6 may be unsupervised and wait sensibly outside of their classroom. Children can be brought to Breakfast club from 8am. We kindly ask that children are taken into the Breakfast club, to ensure Breakfast Club staff know the child is in school and on site.

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Core Values

Next terms core value focus is Collaboration. Pupils will be encouraged to display interpersonal skills such as: working together, listening to peers, encouraging peers, supporting one another, reassuring for example.

Lost Property

Please remember to label your child's clothing. This will help to ensure that your child's belongings can be identified and returned to them.

School Uniform:

Wearing the correct school uniform continues to be an issue for some children. Please ensure that your child wears:

- Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with or without school logo
- White blouse/white shirt/white polo shirt
- Grey school skirt/pinafore/grey uniform trousers
- Sensible **PLAIN black** shoes (wellies must be changed for school shoes)
- Grey/white/black socks or grey tights in winter

PE Uniform:

Children are expected to wear the correct PE uniform on their allocated day: plain blue/black shorts or jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt/white polo shirt, plain black plimsolls/trainers. It is a **health and safety issue** for pupils to not wear the correct footwear.

The weather can change very quickly. Please ensure that your child has a jacket in case of rain or change in temperature.

Clothing Sale

We have a selection of second hand school uniform items for sale in the school's reception. All items are £1.

Attendance

It is really pleasing to see that attendance has improved for many classes over this past half term, meaning that children have not missed any of these exciting activities that have taken place. There are lots more activities and trips planned for all the children next half term so it is important all children attend school every day.

Just a reminder that the schools gates open at 8:45am and registers completed at 8.55am. Please ensure your child arrives on time for school. Five minutes late every day means your child will miss 3 days of school over a year.

We look forward to seeing the children return to school for the new half term on Monday 3rd June 2024. Any absences due to extended holidays at the beginning of the new half term will not be authorised and may result in a penalty notice.

Please make a note of the following dates:

03.06.24	School re-opens for the summer term
28.06.24	INSET Day
04.07.24	Sports Day am
15.07.24	Career and Money Week
24.07.24	Last day of the summer term

As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Enjoy a fabulous Bank Holiday Weekend and half term break. We look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 3rd June**.

Kind regards,
Mrs Salmeron
Head Teacher

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