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Thursday 4th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and you are beginning to enjoy the Spring weather.

We have had some fantastic learning opportunities with our mini-missions and we have all enjoyed discussing these with the children. We have had many successes as a community this term, to name a few:

- Our Dodgeball teams have done us proud by coming first place in the Regional finals for Year 3/4 and our Year 5/6 team came third.
- Our boys' and girls' football teams have really shown their spirit and represented the school with absolute integrity.
- Our Magic Breakfast, run by Mr Bines, has proved to be incredibly popular with pupils and parents alike and in turn had a positive effect on punctuality.
- Parent Workshops have taken place and our uptake is increasing each time. Please see below for the upcoming dates next term.

Safeguarding and Attendance

Mrs Leighanne Hogarth will be joining the school as the Family Liaison Co-ordinator after the Easter break. She will offer advice and guidance on a variety of issues and is able to refer to several different agencies helping to strengthen the home-school link. She will also be responsible for attendance so will be tracking attendance weekly and contacting you should your child's attendance drop to offer support.

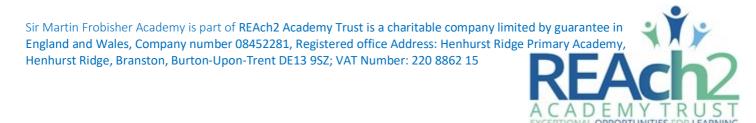
Pupils have attended a number of assemblies and workshops this term covering e-safety including online challenges, emotional wellbeing and mental health and the PANTS programme.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that mobile phones are not permitted to be out / used in certain areas of the school, this includes the playground. This is to promote the safety of all pupils, staff and members of the public.

SATS Week (Year 6 Monday week beginning 13th May)

Looking forward to next term, I am sure that the parents of Years 2 and 6 will know that SATs time will soon be upon us. This is a very important time for the children so here are a few simple tips to ensure that the children are fully prepared on SATs week itself:

- Have a proper breakfast. A slow energy-release food like porridge is ideal.
- Ensure that your child has an early night the day before.



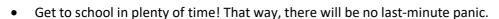


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- Drink plenty of water.
- If you are going to revise, do no more than 20 minutes the night before.
- Have a relaxing weekend before SATs week.

Easter School (Year 6 only)

Our Easter School will run again this year from Tuesday 16th - 18th March from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Please can children bring a healthy snack and drink with them. There will be Reading and Mathematics sessions running as well as the chance to win an Easter Egg or two!

Your Thoughts and Feedback

Parents' Evening was a positive experience and the conversations regarding the children's learning were encouraging. The Parent Questionnaire included positive statements about our school and the strong changes that have taken place. Of course, there is always room for improvement and we gladly welcome your views. Do please join us for our next coffee morning on Tuesday 7th June at 9:15am. This is another opportunity for you to share your thoughts and feedback.

Children with Additional Needs

Our weekly SEND meetings continue to run on a Friday afternoon with Mr Girdlestone, our SENCO. If you would like an appointment, please contact Mrs Forward in the office.

Dates for your diary

Friday 26th April – Spring reports issued to parents

Thursday 2nd May – Reception Parent Workshop 9:15am – 10:30am

Wednesday 8th May – Year 1/2 Parent Workshop 9:15am – 10:30am

Tuesday 14th May – Year 3/4 Parent Workshop 9:15am – 10:30am

Tuesday 21st May – Year 5/6 Parent Workshop 9:15am – 10:30am

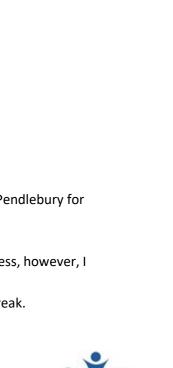
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – HALF TERM

Tuesday 4th June – Parents Coffee Morning 9.15am

Monday 15th – Friday 19th July – Y6 Trip to Danbury. Please speak to Mr Girdlestone or Miss Pendlebury for more information and about payment.

Finally, I apologise that I have not been visible these last few weeks. This has been due to illness, however, I am recovering quickly and I am incredibly excited to see everyone in the Summer term.

As ever, thank you for your continued support and may I wish you a safe and restful Easter break.



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Kind regards,

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