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Headteacher

I hope everyone had a fantastic half term and are ready for the final term before summer. I would like to welcome Miss Penney, who will be working in Reception Class until Summer. Many of you will be excited to hear that Miss Bateman had a baby girl named Olivia this week, and baby and mum are both doing well.

The first week back has been a very busy week. Children in Reception Class, as well as getting to know their new teacher, began learning about mini-beasts. They particularly enjoyed their spider hunt yesterday. Children in Years 1 and 2 have begun learning about pioneers and explorers in their new topic, and have done lots of research finding out about exploring space. They are very much looking forward to their trip to Warwick castle next week, as are children in Years 3 and 4 who have begun learning about all of the British Kings and Queens in their unit. Children in Years 5 and 6 are learning about Shakespeare, as well as learning their lines for the end of year play.

Next week it is the Year 1 phonics testing. We plan to do most of these tests on Monday. If you have a child in Year 1, please ensure they are in school.

Finally, if you drive to do the school run, please can you be respectful to local residents when picking up children from the school. I understand that spaces are limited, but we have had a number of neighbours complaining about their driveways being blocked before and after school.

PTA

The school fete will be on Saturday 20th July 12.00-4.00pm. We will be having the school hall grand opening and of course dancing from all classes in the school. The fete will have a space theme to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. There will be lots of space activities and games for the children and a wide range of stalls including cakes, BBQ and a licenced bar. There will be a great raffle including a top prize of a family ticket to see Marvel Universe Live at the O2 Arena on 28th September. If you have any items which could be used for the tombola or for raffle prizes, please could these be dropped off to the office. We will also start to collect filled jam jars which will be used in the tombola. Please could you fill an empty jam jar with small gifts – pens, hair bobbles, toys, sweets – anything you fancy! You can drop these off to the office. Thanks.

Parent Pay

If you have not already done so, please can you activate your Parentpay account. From 1st April, any charges for clubs, music lessons or trips will be payable through this system. School Meals have also joined this so all orders and payments for meals will be placed through this system too. If you have any problems logging on or using the account, please speak to Miss Rawden in the office.

Music

We are currently organising the music tuition for September. If your child currently has music lessons they will be bringing a letter home asking if they wish to carry on with this. Please could you return these to the office after half term. If your child is interested in starting to learn an instrument please contact the office for details. We currently offer lessons in violin, cello, viola, keyboard, guitar, flute and clarinet. The charge for music lessons from September will be £73 per term of 11 lessons (33 lessons in total per year).

After School Clubs

Monday night Construction Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Tuesday night – Art and Crafts (KS1 focus) – cost £2

Wednesday night – Computer Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Thursday night – Art and Crafts (KS2) – cost £2

Friday Night – Film Night – 3.15-5.30 pm - cost £3

Children are welcome to stay at After School Club until 5.30pm. Charge for this is £3.80.

Please contact the office if you would like more information or to book.

Breakfast Club – every day from 8am – cost is £3 per session

Dates for the Diary

String music lessons – every Wednesday, Guitar music lessons – every Tuesday,

Keyboard/flute lessons – every Thursday

PE – Please bring PE kit in to school every day, PE lessons will be weather dependent.

Celebration Assemblies - Friday

Hotshots – Every Tuesday – 8am

Dance Club – Every Wednesday after school

Kiwi Class – First Access Guitars – every Wednesday

Monday 10th June – Bikeability Years 5 and 6 (Monday-Thursday)

Wednesday 12th June – Penguin Class and Kiwi Class trip to Warwick Castle

Thursday 13th June – Height, Weight and Hearing screening – Reception Class

Thursday 14th June – Fathers Day Pop Up Shop

Tuesday 18th June – Derngate Festival – Dance Club

Wednesday 3rd July – Friday 5th July – Owl Class Residential

Monday 15th July – Sports Day (backup date if raining July 22nd)

Saturday 20th July – school fete 12-4PM **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Wednesday 24th July – Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 24th July – school closes for summer break **End of term picnic**