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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term that sees all of the children return today having enjoyed a great Easter holiday with stories to share of fun experiences - no doubt including a chocolate egg or two! I hope that everyone is safe and well as we start the final term of the school year with many exciting dates ahead of us in what is sure to be a memorable few months ahead.

Reflecting on last term, I would like to express my continued gratitude for your support and the partnership that we have built to provide the very best education for the children. I know how hard all staff work to innovate, create and implement outstanding learning opportunities and the positive validation you gave in our recent Parent Survey re-affirmed our positive relationships – the cornerstone of all success at our school.

To give examples of the outcomes from the survey, 100% of parents and carers agreed that our school nurtures children's creativity and that the school has high expectations for children and encourages them to be the best that they can be. As pupil places at Oak Meadow remain in high demand it is clear to see why as 99% of parents and carers stated they would recommend Oak Meadow to another parent. As a parent myself, I know the pivotal role school plays in family life and how important it is to know your child is safe, nurtured and happy every day. Please always know that you can speak with me, Miss. Billingsley, the school office or your child's teacher and Year group staff if you have any questions or concerns at all. We are happy to help.

In an update to staffing, I want to remind you from previous communication that Miss. Tomlinson will commence her planned maternity leave from the start of May. Within her role as SENDCo, Miss Tomlinson has ensured the highest quality of SEND support at our school with many children, parents and carers having formed strong bonds with her over time. As part of strategic school planning, Mrs. Holmes has been completing a handover process with Miss. Tomlinson since January and, upon commencement of Miss. Tomlinson's maternity leave, Mrs. Holmes will fulfil the position of SENDCo. I am confident that this will be a seamless transition knowing the dedication, professionalism and care Mrs. Holmes will bring to the role.

Please find below the calendar of events for the summer term. Further communication may follow for specific Year group events and if you have any queries regarding any activity, please just let us know. For this week, please note that Friday (12th April) is a non-uniform day for our celebration of Eid reminding us of the joy in our family and community.

Finally, with uniform requirements in mind, and in response to conversations I have had with children, parents, carers and staff, **from tomorrow (Tuesday 9th April) and for the summer term children will be able to wear their PE kit for the entire day they have their PE lesson.** If you are unsure of these days, please confirm them with your child's class teacher but my hope is that this will maximise learning time, help in staying cool in the hotter weather and support your preparations at home. Please remember that on their PE days, children must be dressed in our school PE kit. As ever, this is a plain white T-shirt and black shorts with white or black (inexpensive) trainers. If wearing tracksuits, again we ask for simple bottoms and tops (with darker colours preferred) with any expensive, designer brands strongly discouraged given the pursuits children may be asked to complete. Football tops are not permitted for the school day, however if your child attends an after-school club they may bring different sportswear to change into before the club begins.

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...



I look forward to seeing you all this week with continued encouragement for every child to be an 'Attendance HERO' (Here, Everyday, Ready and On-time) adhering to local and national guidelines and expectations, our aim is for every child to attain a minimum attendance rate of at least **96%** over the school year. With some of the upcoming events listed below, I am sure that no one will want to miss a single day!

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Lane (Interim Head of School).

Calendar of Events - Summer Term 2024

(Please note that planned dates for events may change. Additional letters will be sent out where appropriate for workshops and specific Year group events)

Week	Date	Calendar Events
1	Mon 8 th Apr	8 th Children Return for Summer Term 10 th Reception children visit to Ash End Farm 12 th Celebration of Eid – Non-uniform day for all children
2	Mon 15 th Apr	17 th Year 1 Engagedu Computing Day 19 th Forest School Reception Parent/ Carer Workshops (Ash – 9:15 to 10:30am, Rowan – 1:45 to 3:00pm)
3	Mon 22 nd Apr	22 nd Earth Day 23 rd St. George's Day 26 th Forest School Reception Parent/ Carer Workshops (Willow – 9:15 to 10:30am, Yew – 1:45 to 3:00pm)
4	Mon 29 th Apr	30 th Year 4 Bikeability training – session 1 2 nd School closed for local election polling
5	Mon 6 th May	6 th May Day Bank Holiday - School closed 7 th World Asthma Day 7 th Year 4 Bikeability training – session 2 8 th - 9 th Year 2 Kingswood Residential
6	Mon 13 th May	13 th - 16 th Key Stage 2 SATs Week 15 th Wraites Classroom Group Photographs
7	Mon 20 th May	20 th – 24 th IMPACT and Enrichment Week: <i>This is Me</i> 20 th Non-uniform day for all children – encouragement to wear expressive clothes that show their unique, individual personality 21 st & 22 nd Reception Engagedu Computing Days 24 th End of Summer 1 half-term
Half Term		
8	Mon 3 rd June	3 rd INSET Day (School closed for all children) 4 th Children Return for Summer Term 2 4 th Wolverhampton 'Connected Olympic Torch' at Oak Meadow 4 th Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Checks begin 5 th World Environment Day 5 th Year 5 School Nursing Team presentations 6 th Year 6 School Nursing Team presentations 7 th Year 3 Egyptian Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 7 th Reception Parent/ Carers Vocabulary Come and Play – Ash and Rowan House Children 2:15pm
9	Mon 10 th June	10 th Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks 13 th Local Governing Board Meeting



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10	Mon 17 th June	17 th – 19 th Reception children height, weight and vision checks 21 st World Music Day
11	Mon 24 th June	24 th Whole School Assessment Week 28 th Year 2 Topic Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am)
12	Mon 1 st July	1 st – 5 th Health Week 2 nd Staffordshire County Cricket Club workshops Y1-6 4 th Sports Day (KS2: 9:15 to 11:30a.m, EYFS & KS1: 1:30 to 3:00p.m.) 5 th Year 1 Topic Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 5 th - 8 th Y6 PGL Residential Visit
13	Mon 8 th July	11 th Curriculum Governors Meeting 12 th End of Year Reports to Parents/ Carers 12 th Summer Fair (3.30p.m.)
14	Mon 15 th July	15 th Parent/ Carer Open Afternoon (3:30-5:30pm) 18 th Year 6 leavers' Assembly (8:50am) 18 th Year 6 Leavers' Disco (5:00-7:00pm) 19 th End of Summer Term
15	Mon 22 nd July	22 nd INSET day (School closed for all children)

