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Friday 29th April 2022

Thought for the week...

This week we are thinking of our Muslim friends who are celebrating Eid. Eid ul Fitr, which means 'festival to break the fast', is at the end of the holy month of Ramadan in which Muslims fast for a whole month.

Eid is a time for reflection and starting afresh, a time to rejoice with family and friends, but also a time for remembering those who are less fortunate. It's a time to count our blessings while also giving charity to those in need.

Fasting teaches empathy and compassion for those less fortunate. In this time of year it provides Muslims with the opportunity to feel closer to God by carrying out various works of charity to benefit the poor.



Important notices

Nut allergies

In order to ensure that we keep all the children safe, I wanted to make you aware of the following:

We have an increasing number of children in school who have been diagnosed with an allergy to nuts. These allergies are life-threatening, and can even be triggered by smell and touch.

It is very important that, as a community, we do everything we can to keep these children safe. I am therefore asking you to ensure that your child does not bring any nuts, peanuts or nut related products into school.

The children are permitted to bring a healthy snack of, for example, a piece of fruit, raw vegetables or savoury biscuits.

Maple club

In September 2021, we opened our new before and after school club in Maple classroom.

We have been pleased with the high-quality provision that we have been able to provide – the children enjoy a wide range of activities, both indoor and outdoor, and parents and children have reported that they love attending the club.

The after school club has been gradually increasing in size, but the breakfast club remains small, with just one or two children attending. We have recently introduced a breakfast option, but the numbers attending have remained static. Therefore, the school has made a substantial loss overall, and we have had to consider this as part of our business plan going forward.

From September 2022, we are considering closing the breakfast club, but we will be retaining the after school club.

If you have never used the breakfast club, but would like to now or intend to in the future, please book a place as this provision is at risk of closure due to lack of financial viability.

PE uniform

We have decided to make a change to the summer PE uniform by adding an alternative to the black PE shorts that are listed on the Beat school uniform website.

When the weather is warmer, the children can either wear black shorts or black lightweight tracksuit bottoms which will be available soon on the Beats school uniform website. <https://beatschooluniforms.co.uk/>

In addition, for year 6 only, a plain black skort may be worn in the summer term.

Swimming



I am delighted to tell you that we have begun the process of preparing the swimming pool for this year's swimming lessons. We are in the unique position of being able to provide each year group with swimming lessons in school.

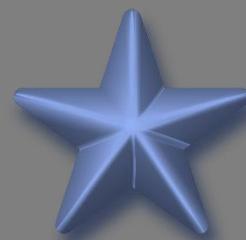
Due to the pandemic, this will be the first time that we have been able to use the pool since summer 2019.

We have appointed a high-quality swimming Teacher who will start teaching your children after the half term holiday.

We have made considerable investments in the pool since the last time that it was used and the children are very excited about the prospect of swimming again.

A separate letter will be sent out soon with more details about the lessons, the equipment the children need and the cost.

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The following children have been nominated by their Class Teachers to be the star of the week this week for an aspect of learning, an achievement or positive behaviour. However, all the children deserve congratulations for a successful week.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Reason</i>
<i>Holly</i>	<i>Ella</i>	<i>For thinking of some really original questions to ask our fairy tale characters, and for role playing the wolf brilliantly.</i>
<i>Willow</i>	<i>Zayaan</i>	<i>For showing a huge amount of resilience this week and completing all of your work to the best of your ability. Really well done.</i>
<i>Oak</i>	<i>Laksh</i>	<i>For showing great determination and putting 100% effort into improving his ability to read an analogue clock.</i>
<i>Juniper</i>	<i>Yaqub M</i>	<i>For demonstrating excellent knowledge and understanding during our Maths lessons on time.</i>
<i>Elm</i>	<i>Shriya</i>	<i>For being so enthusiastic and a great team player in our PE lessons. She gives her all and it is great to see her darting here, there and everywhere to help her team. Well done!</i>
<i>Beech</i>	<i>Jamie</i>	<i>For continually showing engagement in all lessons, especially this week's visit of the Minister of Chocolate, sharing his idea and therefore helping his and others learning.</i>
<i>Rowan</i>	<i>Grace</i>	<i>For always radiating a contagious positive attitude, and making fantastic progress in Maths.</i>
<i>Poplar</i>	<i>Rohan</i>	<i>For his progress in English and Mathematics, and for his positive team mentality. Rohan always celebrates his classmates' success and now he should celebrate his own. Well done Rohan!</i>