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**Notes for your diary**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Schools open as normal

Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> – School closed for General Election ( both sites)

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – School disco at Junior site

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Events this week**

Our year six pupils have been working exceptionally hard this week.

We are all really proud of their mature and positive attitude to their SATs tests. They are having a fun afternoon at Manor House Gardens today to help them to relax after all their hard work. Our Year 2 pupils will all be sitting their SATs tests next week.

All our Year 1 pupils went to the Soanes Environmental Centre and had a wonderful time learning about different plants.

Our Nursery pupils had a very exciting time, learning about people who help us at the fire station.

Congratulations to our football teams who worked incredibly hard all year and gave up their time on Saturday mornings to play for their school. The children won match after match every week but were knocked out in the final stages. This is the best we have ever achieved and we are extremely proud of them.

**Parking in Newstead Road**

I am sure you will have noticed that a large area of pavement all along the front of the school has been blocked off. This has made the road narrower. The area on the opposite side of the hoarding will become a no parking zone in the next few days and parking will not be allowed for the duration of the building. Cameras will be put in place to monitor parking and fines will be issued. This will also apply to the double yellow lines opposite the Zig Zags. These restrictions are being put in place to protect the school community.

There has been some really shocking driving and parking outside the school recently and there have been some near misses. If our children behaved in this way we would be very concerned.

There are some really important rules which we must all observe to comply with the law and keep our children and families safe:

- **Zig Zags must not be used to drop children off or pick up.**
- **We are not allowed to park in other people's drives or across them.**
- **We are not allowed to park on double yellow lines.**
- **We must drive on the correct side of the road.**
- **We must not park on crossings**

**A large number of our year 5 and 6 pupils, travel to and from school on their own. They are extremely vulnerable when drivers are not behaving appropriately.**

**We are appealing to all our families to avoid driving to school if at all possible. If driving is essential, please park on a different road where there are no restrictions.**

Please ensure you discuss these issues with childminders and others who are responsible for taking your children to and from school.

### **Walk To School week**

Next week is National walk to school week. We are challenging our pupils on both sites to use sustainable transport all week. The class who has made the highest number of sustainable journeys throughout the week, will go on a free trip to Bore House Farm on 15<sup>th</sup> June. This will be a really great day to reward the children for their effort. Please support us by enabling your child to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride or use public transport.

This week we are also launching a new competition to encourage safe driving habits at both sites. We are asking all of our pupils to take home a long piece of paper to design a banner with a strong polite message. The most striking designs will be printed on large banners to display at both sites. Prizes will also be awarded for these designs. We would be really grateful if you could support your child by helping them to create a message to make the area outside our school sites safe for everyone.

As part of our safety programme, all of our pupils will take part in road safety workshops on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June. Also after half term, our Year 2 pupils will learn how to scoot safely in the local area and our Year 6 pupils will learn how to keep safe when cycling .

### **For Mental Health Awareness Week 8th-14th May**

This Sat 13th May @7.30pm in Our Lady Lourdes Church Hall -Ali Ryan (Ambassador for MQ: Transforming mental health through research) invites you and your family to a mental health awareness and wellbeing fundraiser (talk, cakes, cocktails, drinks, raffle, darts & racing car match, & fun!)

### **First Communion Programme 2016/17 , Our Lady of Lourdes , Lee**

The next meeting will be at 10:00am this Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May for both children and parents. The children will be making their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliations so would both children and parents meet in the church (**not** the hall) by about 9:50am so that it can start promptly at 10:00.

### **News from the Friends**

The two summer Discos will take place on Friday 16 June at the Junior school Hall. We are appealing to parents and carers to help us run the event that is so much fun for the kids. We need around 10 helpers for each disco so please let us know if you can volunteer. The discos are for Reception children upwards and due to health and safety reasons parents who are not helping are unable to stay. Tickets are sold on the door and cost **£4 per child or £7 per family**. Price includes a hot dog, juice and an ice lolly. Please be aware that this is not dinner so we advise parents to feed the kids before the event.

Due to the building works that are taking place at the Junior site we won't be able to do the Family Fun Day this year. Instead we will do a Summer BBQ with a bar, bouncy castle and a few entertainment stalls on Friday 14 July, from 6-8pm at the Junior Site. We hope you can join us! More details to follow.

Finally, please check your child's book bags for a leaflet about Stampstastic, a brand the PTA have partnered with to raise funds for the school. Stampstastic sells personalised stamps you can use to name your child's belongings. The stamp works on fabric, metal, wood and some plastics. No more sewing or ironing labels! On the leaflet you will find a code you can use to buy your stamp online. The school will then get 20% of all orders received through our unique code. It's a clever and easy way to fundraise, hope you can take part! This will also make your life easier!



## **Food Bank**

We are still collecting for our Food Bank and wish to thank those who have brought in donations. This is a reminder of why we are doing this and what you could provide to help.

As I am sure you are aware, a number of our families are really struggling to make ends meet in these difficult economic times. We want to make things a little easier for those in need. We would like to continue to run a small food bank at each school site, which can be accessed by any of our families in need. This will obviously be managed with sensitivity and confidentiality.

We are asking for donations so we can meet needs. These foods will need to be non-perishable/easy to use food as cooking facilities can be very challenging.

We are suggesting anything from the list below but you may also have some other suggestions.

Milk (UHT or powdered), Sugar, Fruit juice (carton), Soup (tinned/packet/instant), Pasta sauces, Sponge pudding (tinned), Tomatoes (tinned), Cereals, Rice pudding (tinned), Tea Bags/instant coffee, Instant mash potato, Rice/pasta, Tinned meat/fish, Tinned fruit, Jam/Honey etc, Biscuits or snack bars.'

Please bring any items of food to either school office – Thank you

## **Attendance & Punctuality for this week**

**Please ensure your child is in school by 8.45 at the junior site and 9.15 at the infant site.**

Total late 53 throughout the school.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>
Reception C	99%	3	Year 2T	98%	1	Year 4K	99%	2
Reception B	95%	11	Year 2F	96%	2	Year4/5 L	98%	1
Year 1 A	99%	15	Year 3U	93%	3	Year 5T	97%	3
Year 1 R	94%	2	Year 3A	99%	6	Year 6M	99%	2
						Year 6F	98%	2

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Margaret Hanrahan