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Dear Parents,

What an action packed five weeks we have had this half term! It has been great to be able to do many of the activities that we were unable to do during the lockdowns such as trips, sports competitions and learning, which relied on visitors from outside school such as Bikeability and this week's theatre company visit for Years 5 and 6.

A huge well done to our Year 2 and Year 6 children who have been showing amazing resilience and determination to be the best that they can be during our SATs weeks. This has been particularly difficult because of the gaps created due to lockdown but our children have been absolute stars! The outcome of these end of Key Stage assessments will be shared with parents with their end of year reports in July. The rest of the children will be completing their assessments early in the next half term.

As well as working hard in the core subjects of Reading, Writing and Maths, the children have been developing their knowledge and skills in a broad range of subjects. On the next page, you will see the children displaying our value of originality as they develop their art skills of printing, portrait painting, outdoor craft and using perspective. Children also learn about famous artists and the Year 3 children have been learning about Andy Warhol to give them the inspiration for their printing.

Next half term will also bring many exciting activities including:

Year 3/4 Sports	10.00am	13 th June
Year 5/6 sports	10.00am	14 th June
Nursery Sports AM	10.45am	15 th June
Nursery Sports PM	2.15pm	15 th June
Year 1/2 Sports	10.00am	16 th June
Reception Sports	10.30am	20 th June
Open Afternoon	3.30pm	18 th July
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9.30am	21 st July

AFWS are also busy preparing for their biggest fund-raiser of the year - the Summer Gala on 2nd July. Please see the next page for more information.


I wish you a happy half term holiday. School re-opens to children on **Tuesday 7th June**.

Elaine Curtis
Headteacher



Healthy Lunch Boxes

Post Covid-19, we are gradually reminding parents of some of our school policies and routines as it may have been difficult to communicate or uphold some of them during lockdown. Today, we would like to remind you about our packed lunch policy as we are seeing a growing number of children increasing numbers of sugary snacks and sandwich fillings in their lunchboxes. Please see the leaflet attached and please be aware that children will not be allowed to eat sweets and chocolate bars as part of their lunch (chocolate covered biscuits or wafers such as penguins and kit-kats are allowed). Please also be aware that foods containing nuts may not be brought in as we have children with severe allergies.



AFWS SUMMER GALA
Saturday 2nd July
12.00 – 3.00 pm

We are thrilled to be holding our Summer Gala at School on Sat 2nd July 12-3pm - this year will be a Wild West theme so we are hoping to see lots of cowboys and cowgirls having a Rootin' Tootin' time! We will be running a Saloon bar for the grown-ups as well as a BBQ and other refreshments and have an inflatable assault course, bouncy castle and lots of fun games and stalls for the whole family to enjoy. The committee are very busy behind the scenes planning this event but, as always, we need extra help. If you can spare even an hour on Friday 1st July before or after school, sorting donations or putting up gazebos, we would be very grateful. We also need help on Saturday morning setting up and running stalls during the event or tidying up afterwards - your help is invaluable. Please get in touch with Jane on 07850544224 or message the AFWS Facebook page for more information.

Hopefully, the sun will be shining on the day but our wet weather contingency is our Big Prize Draw leading up to the event. There will be lots of amazing prizes to be won, generously donated from local businesses. Tickets are £1 each and will be coming home with your child soon. Any unsold tickets please send back to school so we can sell them on the day but feel free to buy them all if you wish!!

We are super excited about this event, especially to see the children back together again enjoying themselves with their families. Thank you Team AFWS!



Sports days

We are hoping for some sunny weather for our Sports Days, which begin after half term. However, please keep a look out for notice boards outside school if the weather is bad and we have to cancel any events and we will also text you although please appreciate that we may not make the decision until 9.00 am on the day.



What's up with WhatsApp?

On the face of it, WhatsApp can seem like a good way for your children to communicate with their friends outside school. Please be aware that the legal age to use this app is 16. This was lowered for a while to 13 but was raised again due to data protection legislation.

We are having to deal with issues of increasing seriousness, including child protection issues, which are sometimes referred to other agencies. This can sometimes involve the sharing of inappropriate images or language.



Some reminders from the office

If your child is absent please make sure you contact the office before 9.30am. You can telephone us, but lines do get very busy. Alternatively, you can email our Attendance Officer using absence@williamshrewsbury.staffs.sch.uk. If you don't make contact with us your child's absence may be recorded as unauthorised.

As we are approaching the last half-term of the year please would all parents ensure that their Parentpay accounts are not in arrears and kept up to date. It would be brilliant for all accounts to be at zero at the end of the year! Thank you for your continued support - please drop in to talk to us if you need any help.

Cycling to school

Please remember that any child who cycles to school must wear a cycle helmet. This important rule is for your child's protection. Bikes are left at school at your own risk and we advise that they should be locked to the cycle racks.

Sun Safety

Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child if the weather **continues** to be sunny after half term. If you can apply the long lasting cream this is helpful. Remember to send them with a sunhat for extra protection and a named water bottle.



Getting Arty!



Art to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee focusing on portrait painting in Year 1 and abstract collage in Year 4

Above: Year 3 learning a printing technique.

Below: results in the style of Andy Warhol.



Year 4 outdoor sculpture

Getting things into perspective in Year 4!



Sports Days			
Date	Time	Class	Instructions
13 th June	10.00 am	Y3/4	Parents enter through the Junior gate and proceed to the school field
14 th June	10.00 am	Y5/6	
15 th June	10.45 am	Nursery	Parents of children who attend either AM only sessions or Monday, Tuesday all day & Wednesday AM sessions or 30 hour sessions enter through the Infant gate and proceed to the school field
15 th June	2.15 pm	Nursery	Parents of children who attend either PM only sessions or Wednesday PM, Thursday & Friday all day sessions or 30 hour sessions enter through the Infant gate and proceed to the school field
16 th June	10.00 am	Y1/2	Parents enter through the Infant Gate and proceed to the school field
20 th June	10.30 am	Reception	

Trips & Activities		
Date	Class	Trip/Activity
6 th June	All	Day off for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
7 th June	All	School re-opens
15 th June	Year 6	Leavers Photos
15 th June	Various	Team Photos
15 th June	New Nursery Intake	Parent Meeting @ 6.30 pm in the Main Hall
20 th June	Year 2	Y2 to Y3 Parent Induction Meeting @2.00 pm
21 st June	Year 5	Viking man in school
22 nd June	Years 1 - 6	Luke Temple (author) visiting school
22 nd June	Year 4 (class TBC)	Visit to Derby Gaol
23 rd June	Years 1 - 6	Luke Temple book signing
23 rd June	Year 4 (class TBC)	Visit to Derby Gaol
24 th June	Year 4 (class TBC)	Visit to Derby Gaol
27 th June - 1 st July	All	Commonwealth Games Week
29 th June	New Reception Intake	Parent Meeting @ 6.30 pm in the Main Hall
2 nd July	All	Summer Fayre @ 12.00 to 3.00 pm - Wild West theme
5 th July	Current Nursery - PM & Wed PM, Thursday & Friday & 30 hour pupils	Lunch with a Parent @ 11.45 am in the Main Hall
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7 th July	Year 3	Packington Farm visiting school
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8 th July	Year 6	Trip to Swadlincote Ski Centre
8 th July	New Reception Intake	Taster Session @ 2.15 - 2.45 pm. Please come to the main reception.
8 th July	Years 3 & 4	AFWS Disco @ 5.45 to 7.00 pm
8 th July	Year 5 & 6	AFWS Disco @ 7.15 to 8.30 pm
12 th July	Year 2	Trip to Twycross Zoo
13 th July	Reception	Trip to Ash End House Farm
15 th July	Year 5	River Dove Walk
15 th July	All	Annual Reports out to parents
18 th July	All	Open Afternoon @ times 3.30 - 4.30 pm
19 th July	Year 6	Moving up morning @ deFerrers Academy
19 th July	Year Nursery - 5	Moving up morning
19 th July	New Intake Reception	Induction morning @ 9.30 - 11.00 am in their Reception classroom
19 th July	New Intake Nursery	Induction morning @ 9.30 - 11.00 am
19 th July	New Intake Nursery	Induction afternoon @ 1.00 - 2.30 pm
20 th July	Invited Guests	Parent Helper Assembly
21 st July	Year 6	Leavers Assembly Time 9.30 am