18<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to what should be the warmest half term of the year; hopefully summer might begin next week!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the questionnaire about increasing the school day by ten minutes. The most popular option is finishing the day at 3:25pm. This will be ratified by governors in July and begin on 2nd September when we return.

As you know another long-term, school wide aim is to improve the children's attendance at school. Please - where possible - make all appointments outside of the school day. Rest assured, we will send your child home if they are too unwell for school, so please do send them into school every day, with the exception of the 48-hour sickness and diarrhoea rule.

We are pleased with the free after school clubs that we have been able to offer this academic year and are hoping to increase our offer from September. We will be speaking to the children to find out what they might enjoy taking part in and welcome feedback from those families who have already taken up this offer.

As part of our drive to increase physical activity lots of children are enjoying taking part in external sporting opportunities. Last week Year Five had a fantastic afternoon at Hough End Leisure Centre participating in a Triathlon sponsored by the Brownlee Foundation; swimming in the pool, followed by riding a bike or scooter and finishing with a run. As they crossed the finish line, they were presented with a medal and goody bag containing healthy snacks and a bottle of water. They were also given a tee-shirt to wear during the land-based elements of the afternoon which they could keep as a reminder of taking part in the event. If your child has not yet attended a sporting event, we are hoping they will shortly. All costs for these events are covered by the Sports Premium Grant school receives.

Please continue to send in school uniform, both winter and summer, for Miss Brough's preloved uniform shop. Thank you for the donations so far.

Reading continues to be a priority for the whole school. Please look out for the upcoming information on our sponsored reading event which we will launch for Y1 - 6 shortly.

I continue to receive complaints from local residents relating to parking around school at dropoff and pick-up. Police officers have attended school twice already this half term to encourage responsible and safe parking. Please do make use of the Park and Stride offer. Contact the office for a permit if you do not already have one.

If I or any member of staff can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Claire E Lee Head Teacher Please see details of upcoming events:

#### **SPORTS DAYS:**

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June:	KS1:	2.15pm - 3.15pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June:	EYFS:	2.15pm - 3.15pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June:	LKS2:	1.00pm - 2.00pm
	UKS2:	2.15pm - 3.15pm

# Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June: 6pm start - 7pm

New intake parent meeting (Nursery & Reception September 2024)

# Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Non-Uniform day in return for bottles for the Summer Fair

#### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** Non-Uniform day in return for chocolate for the Summer Fair

## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Summer Fair: 3.15pm - 5.30pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July INSET DAY

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** Year 6 Leavers Production: 6.00pm - 7.00pm (Letter to follow)

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers Production: 2.00pm - 3.00pm (Letter to follow)

#### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July** Year 6 Leavers BBQ: 5.30pm - 7.00pm (Letter to follow)

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July** Year 6 Leavers Assembly followed by coffee & biscuits: 9.15am - 10.15am