

25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents

**Islam** – This week our RE studies have focused on Islam. We hope the children have enjoyed learning about this religion and found out some very interesting facts. It was been lovely to hear some of the children have shared knowledge, facts, artefacts and even spoken Arabic to their class!

**Class Photos** – Each class had their photo taken on Wednesday. Shortly they will be available to purchase.

**Caterpillars!** – Thank you to all the children and families who have taken such good care of our caterpillars. They are beginning to turn into cocoons and so are going back to Jamie Okoro (generous dad who provided them) and they will be returned in a suitable container for them to hatch!

**Parking** – We have been sent a big, “Thank you” from the family who live next to the Parish Centre. They have already seen a difference with the parking and are very grateful – thank you!

**Monday – Year 5 trip** – St Thomas More invited Year 5 to visit and have a secondary school experience with them for a morning earlier this week. They had a fantastic time learning about drama, PE, science and music and what it might be like in a secondary school. A big thank you to the staff at St Thomas More for organising this experience as well as transport for the children.

**School Building Fund** – As you will be aware, as a Voluntary Aided school we are required to find 10% of any building works that cost over £2,000. We raise this money through voluntary contributions to the School Building Fund. We ask for £45 per family and this year have raised £9,060 out of a possible £12,825. If you are not sure whether or not you have paid, please email the office to check. Many thanks

**Bumped heads!** – If you have a child in Reception, Years 1 or 2 and your child has recently come home with an orange wrist band saying, “I bumped my head today”, please would you have a chat with your child about how important it is to come to the medical room if you have genuinely bumped your head. However, it is absolutely not sensible to deliberately bump heads with someone or something so that you can get a wristband (seemingly the latest fashion accessory for some!) It is very difficult for Siobhan in the medical room, to know who genuinely needs first aid and who is looking for the wrist band!! Thank you!

**Panto at Broomfield Park** – Your child should have come home today with a flier with all the details about this event, “The So What Stories” and how to buy a ticket. Our very own Mrs Wilks is playing Billy, a naughty school boy! Do go and watch if you are free on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm or 5pm! It’s all about recycling and saving the planet!

**Second hand uniform sale** - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July you can buy second hand uniform outside school at home-time. It’s all good quality. Please bring cash, £1, £2 coins ideally – all items under £5.

**Summer Fête/Sports Day** – Sadly due to the covid restrictions, we can’t have either this year in the way that we normally would. However, we really want to ensure the children have a day of summer fun and so we will be holding “Summer Fun Days” in school as follows:

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – for Years 5&6, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Reception, Years 1&2, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Years 3&4**

The children will have inflatables, summer fête games, ice lollies and some traditional sports day games.

**The Friends are asking for a voluntary donation of £5 per child in order for this event to take place.**

If you think of how much you might spend at the Summer Fête, this might be a bargain! You are welcome to donate more if you wish. The Fête usually raises £10,000 so let’s see if we can make one fifth of this amount! We will be asking for parent volunteers to help each day. If you have had both vaccines and are happy to take a lateral flow test and share the result, we would like you to help if you can (everything will be outdoors – fingers crossed for dry weather!) Class reps will be sorting rotas, so look out for more details on whatsapp groups.

**Save the date!** – **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 8pm – end of year quiz for adults** – details to follow.

**Mental Health workshops** – See attached fliers (one is next Wed 7<sup>th</sup> and needs to be booked asap if interested).

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

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