



Diary Dates:

27/4/17	Y7 Parents' Evening 3:45pm-6:30pm Eng/Maths/Sci
27/4/17	NO HOMELEARNING CLUB
1/5/17	Bank Holiday Monday
5/5/17	ESA Big Band Night at Edwinstree 7:30pm – 10pm
8/5/17	Year 6 SATS Week
12/5/17	Y5 Shropshire Payment £75 due
25/5/17	E-Safety Presentation by the Breck Foundation at 6pm
29/5-2/6/17	Half Term
6/6/17	Final Shropshire Payment £75 due
14/6/17	Year 5 Visit Kew Gardens
13/7/17	County Transition Day
21/7/17	End of Term – School finishes 2:30pm

On behalf of the Governing Body, I write to extend a very warm welcome back to all our pupils and staff. I hope that the Easter holidays provided ample opportunity for rest, adventure, entertainment and the occasional over indulgence!

We often associate Easter with renewal and regeneration. If I reflect on where we, as a Governing Body, were this time last year: still coming to terms with Ofsted's visit and the journey of improvement which lay ahead of us, I am very encouraged when reflecting on just how far along the road we have travelled in our own story of regeneration. Recent reviews, undertaken by independent and experienced education advisors, have confirmed that the school continues to make good progress. This is in no small part thanks to the hard work of the whole school community and a collective determination to address those areas where improvement was required. I am confident that those efforts and that progress will continue into the summer term and beyond.

Another significant milestone along that path will take place next week when we complete the process for appointing a Headteacher, on a permanent basis. I have been working with fellow Governors, the Diocese and the Local Education Authority to prepare a programme designed to deliver a very rigorous, transparent selection process. This will run over two days, commencing next Tuesday morning. We will be looking to minimise the disruption to the school, but there may be the odd occasion where the school day is slightly different for some. During the two day interview process, Mrs S Allan will be the Acting Headteacher, as Mrs Gant will be one of the candidates short-listed for the Headteacher position.

Next week's newsletter will bring with it the news of the outcome from the selection process and the name of our Headteacher for September 2017 onwards.

My very best wishes for the weekend.

John Boulter
Chair of Governors

REMINDER – Year 6 Saturday SATs Maths and English Sessions resume 22/4/17

The Year 6 Answer Booklet for the Chilli Challenge Questions will be sent out next week.

Year 7 - Final Support session will take place on Saturday 22/4/17. The data and progress will be reviewed and new sessions will be set up in May.

Year 6 SATs preparation Tuesday 2nd May – Friday 5th May 2017

During the four days in the week before SATs we will be rearranging the Year 6 timetable slightly to accommodate the final preparations for the tests. The pupils will follow English and maths lessons only during periods 1-4 and then be involved in different activities for period 5 each day. On Tuesday and Wednesday, they will complete a carousel of science and music activities, Thursday there will be a film to watch as a reward for their hard work, and Friday the year group will be outside to do an hour of PE on the field. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit with them on the Friday.

SATs Help

Any parents/carers available to support pupils during SATS exams week commencing 8th May 2017 on Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs mornings 9:00am to 10:30, please contact the school office.

Big Band Night

The ESA have organised an evening of music and dance with the amazing Freman College Big Band on Friday 5th May 2017 to raise funds for outdoor lunchtime play equipment, outdoor table tennis and a climbing wall. Further information will follow shortly.

Congratulations

Following a recent Quality Audit, our Catering Team achieved 100%. This is a great reflection of the standard and quality of service provided by our catering staff and they are to be congratulated on the excellent service they provide students.

School Meals Payments

Due to an IT software upgrade, there has been a delay printing the meal charge forecast letters this term. They will be sent home with pupils next week. The School Gateway is live so if you wish to make payments, the new meal charge is **£2.45**. *Written notice must be given if your child no longer wants school meals, otherwise you will be charged for prepared meals.*

Library Books

We recently received some lovely books for our school libraries. We are always very grateful of any donations of suitable books to add to our existing stock. Thank you - Mrs D George, Librarian

Jo Gant
Headteacher