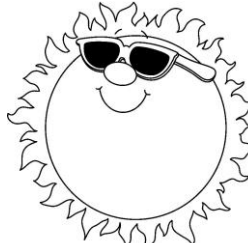


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Summer Term

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter break and the lovely weather. I'm not sure how long it's going to last!



Uniform

As the weather warms up, children take their cardigans and jumpers off more than ever. Please make sure every item of uniform, including PE kit, is labelled clearly with their name. Playgrounds are 'swept' at the end of each break and any remaining items are put in a general box. However, it is often difficult to reunite items with children due to lack of names. Please also talk to your child about taking care of their own property, knowing where they have put it if they have taken something off. Children have trays and pegs where they can store their belongings. Staff cannot be responsible for lost items of clothing and actively encourage children to take responsibility for their equipment. Thank you.

Emojis at Viewley Hill



This half term we are going to be focusing on helping the children describe their emotions using a range of emojis to help. We have had our SMILEY rewards for many years now and the

children love collecting these and achieving bronze, silver and gold awards as the year progresses. However, there are times in school when we don't feel smiley and sometimes the children find it hard to describe those feelings – often getting stuck in using 'sad' to describe

everything. We have chosen a selection of feelings for each key stage and will be talking to the children about what they mean and how we might recognise each particular one. When we are a little further on in this we will share more with you so that you can use a similar approach at home if you wish.

SATs – repeated from Spring 2

We are getting closer to the annual test weeks in May which means that children in Year 6 and Year 2 are preparing particularly hard. Children in Year 1 will also undertake the phonics screening check during a week in June. We don't want the children to be worried or stressed about tests but to see them as an extension of all their usual classwork. We appreciate all your support with helping the children at home, particularly with reading and practising number skills.

- **Year 6 Test Week is Monday 13th May until Thursday 16th May.**
- **Year 2 will be taking their tests throughout May as part of everyday lessons.**
- **Year 1 will take the phonics screening check in the week commencing 10th June.**

We obviously want to help the children do their very best and therefore we ask that you continue to make every effort to ensure your child has excellent attendance and punctuality over the coming weeks. This will ensure that they do not miss out on important learning in relation to these assessments. Thank you

Playgrounds, Wheels and Dogs

Just a reminder that children (and adults!) must not ride bikes or scooters on the school grounds.

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We can only store bikes or scooters that are the traditional size and have two wheels. Other types do not fit in our storage and become a trip hazard when they lie around the courtyard. Please also remember that dogs are not allowed on site at any time.

Dinners

Please note that we need at least one week's notice if you wish to change your child's dinner choice from school meal to packed lunches. This is because the kitchen orders food in advance based on expected pupil numbers. You must inform the office if you wish to make a change and Mrs Frost will let you know when that change can happen. Meals must be paid for each Monday. Thank you.

We recently had our first aid training updated and there was a timely reminder about choke hazards in the dining hall. If you are preparing a packed lunch please ensure that you have sliced food appropriately to enable children to swallow easily. Grapes should always be cut lengthwise and never width wise.



After School Clubs

Clubs will start again next week (29th April) and children have been reminded about making sure they have PE kit if they are in a sporting club. **All clubs except Art, Steel Pans and Digital Leaders require the children to have a PE kit.** Children have also been reminded that they must attend the club every week and cannot dip in and out. If your child needs to miss a club for any reason please contact the school office and inform a member of staff. All clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Children remain our responsibility until this time and that is why we must ensure we know they are here and not choosing to go home some weeks. Thank you for your support in this.

Dates for the Diary

Remember to check the website, school app and Marvellous Me for messages and updates.

Please note that school will finish for the summer on Friday 19th July and will re-open to children on Tuesday 3rd September.

w/c 29th April

May

3rd May

6th May

13th May

24th May

3rd June

10th June

w/c 10th & 17th

June

21st June

w/c 24th June

w/c 1st July

5th July

9th July

10th July

17th July

19th July

Clubs start

KS1 SATs activities

Family Friday – Mrs Smith

Bank Holiday – school closed

KS2 SATs testing week

Family Friday – Mr Jukes

School closes for half term

School re-opens

Y1 Phonics Screening week

Swimming – Miss Tumelty

Y6 Family Friday

Catch up swimming

Y6 Transition visits

Children visit new classes

Parent Consultations

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Summer Picnic (pm)

Leavers' Assembly 10am

3:10pm School closes for summer break

Please do check Marvellous Me and the school app for updates throughout the half term.