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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Sex Education Parent Workshop (Y4-Y6); Athletics Festival (Y4); Trip to Natural History Museum (Y3); Young Voices Concert (Y4); Eid Parties: Trip to Odds Farm (Nursery)

Dear all

We have an exciting day ahead with Eid parties taking place as well as a multi-skills sports trip for children in Reception. We will also be enjoying our weekly whole school assembly all together in the hall. It was a momentous event last week when we were all finally able to come back together after more than 2 years.

Today's assembly will however be tinged with sadness as we will be saying goodbye to some members of the staff team:

Mrs Stamp, who has been providing excellent support in Year 3, is moving to a new role. Mr Bailey, who has worked with children across the school for the last 3 years, will be taking up a position as a Personal Trainer, something that he has been wanting to do for some time. I know how much your children have enjoyed PE lessons with him and how much they will miss him. He has also run many after school clubs, which have been much appreciated, as well as promoting competitive sport by organising fixtures with other schools. Thank you Mr Bailey, and very best wishes for the future.

After 23 years providing exemplary support to children within our Hearing Impaired Department, Miss Thomas has decided that it is time for a change. Miss Thomas has so many skills and attributes that it is hard for me to know where to start. Perhaps I can best sum up by saying that having Miss Thomas in a classroom makes it a better place to be for both adults and children. She has nurtured, cared for and educated not only those Deaf children with whom she has worked directly, but also those around her, every single day that she has been here. We will all treasure the memories we have of her.

My very best wishes for a happy weekend.

Clare Pankhania

ATTENDANCE

The display board at the front of the school shows each year group's weekly attendance.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%

BEST ATTENDANCE: 92.5% (CLASS 2C)

WELL DONE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

9th May to 13th May:

Y6 SATs

Wednesday 11th May

Y3 Trip to Natural History Museum, Oxford

Friday 13th May

Y4 Athletics Event at Holmer Green Senior School

PARENT ZONE

Current guidance for families and staff if a Covid-19 infection is suspected

Revised list of symptoms of Covid 19, flu and other respiratory infections:

- continuous cough
- high temperature, fever or chills
- loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
- shortness of breath
- unexplained tiredness, lack of energy
- muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise
- not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry
- headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual
- sore throat, stuffy or runny nose
- diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick

Precautions to take:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days

Please use this information when determining if school attendance is safe and appropriate.