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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance & Punctuality

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 has been 91.3% this week. This means that we are in the **Amber zone** (but very close to the Red zone) and we are not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.



Summer Show

The dates for the much-anticipated summer shows are:

Wednesday 3rd July 10am

Wednesday 3rd July – 1.30pm

Thursday 4th July - 10am

Tickets will cost £5.00 each and are now on sale. Initially, you will be able to purchase up to two tickets per child then potentially extra if they become available. You will be able to purchase your allocated tickets from Tuesday 4th June – Wednesday 12th June then any additional tickets will be available to purchase from Thursday 13th June.

St. Stephen's *Presents*

A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE DECADES

Tickets
£5.00

Dates & Times:
Wednesday 3rd July 10am
& 1:30pm
Thursday 4th July 10am

Summer show costumes – we need your help!

Please see updated costume list below.

We are now entering the final part of the school year and our summer show preparations are well underway! Both staff and pupils are working incredibly hard to put on a show to remember!

Staff have been extremely busy deciding on costumes ideas for each year group. Due to the production being a whole school performance (Years 1 – 6), many costumes/props are required.

We have purchased specific things for each class, but are still short of a few items. In the table below are a list of 'suggested items' that we require the children to bring in. **We do not require you go to out and purchase anything specific for the show**, rather we have selected common items that you may already have e.g. jeans, leggings, t shirts etc. Your help and support this is greatly appreciated!

As I'm sure that you can understand, it is not feasible for us to purchase 60 pairs of jeans, 60 t shirts or 30 pairs of leggings. Therefore, we would greatly appreciate your support with this where possible.

Suggested costume ideas:

| Year group and theme | Suggested items | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Year 1 (1960s) | Boys: Jeans | | Girls: Plain White T-Shirt | |
| Year 2 (1970s) | Plain Black T-Shirt | | | |
| Year 3 (1980s) | Black Trousers Plain White T-Shirt | | | |
| Year 4 (1920s/1930s) | Boys: White Shirt Black Trousers | | Girls: Black T-shirt | |
| Year 5 (1950s) | Leather jacket (an oversized one belonging to you would also work). Plain White T-Shirt Black jeans/trousers | | | |
| Year 6 (1990s) | Boys: Jeans | | Girls: Plain White T-Shirt | |
| KS2 Dance Club (2000s/Present Day) | Can't hold us: Plain Black T-Shirt Plain Black Leggings | Let's go crazy: Plain black T-shirt Plain Black Leggings | Texas Hold'em: Jeans Checkered Shirt | Umbrella: Plain black T-shirt Plain Black Leggings |

If you could start to send any of the items listed in the table above from **Monday 10th June**, staff will label the items and store them until the summer show performance. Please note this is not a request for you to go out and buy anything specific. If you do not have any the items listed in the table, please speak to your child's teacher and we will be able to make alternative suggestions.

We really appreciate your support in this and cannot wait for you to be entertained by the children!

Thank you for your continued support.

Data Collection/Consent Update

In preparation for the new academic year, parents should access their SIMS Parent App and confirm the details and consent preferences in place for their child are up to date. Parents who haven't registered have recently been sent a registration email again. If you experience any issues, please contact the school office.

Sports Week

Our school sports week has now been moved to the week commencing 8th July. Please see below proposed dates for Sports Days (weather dependent):

KS1 – Monday 8th July 1.30pm

KS2 – Wednesday 10th July 1.30pm

EYFS (Sports Day and Afternoon Tea) – Friday 12th July 2pm

We ask that our pupils come ready in appropriate sporting gear e.g. trainers, tracksuit bottoms/shorts (weather dependent), t-shirt (red is our usual colour; however, please don't feel obliged to purchase one, for this one-off occasion, if you haven't already got one) and water bottle. If the weather is cold, pupils can wear their school jumpers or their PE fleece over the top of their t-shirts.

Morning nursery are to join us on the field at 1.50pm for a prompt start. Reception children are to come into school in their PE kit and Nursery children to come in sports clothes (trainers are preferred). Parents of pupils in Nursery and Reception are welcome to join us in the EYFS garden for afternoon tea, after Sports Day.

PTA Summer Picnic – Wednesday 17th July

We would like to invite parents to a summer picnic on **Wednesday 17th July 3.15pm-4.15pm**. Parents can collect children from their classrooms to attend the summer picnic. There will be picnic items available to buy, provided by our school kitchen, as well as a tuck shop, tombola and a raffle. All money raised will support PTA funds, specifically for the development of our pupils' outdoor areas. We hope to see you there!

Raffle tickets will go on sale shortly – keep your eyes peeled!

Dates for the Diary (as always, dates are subject to change!):

w/c 10th June – KS2 Careers Week

Tuesday 11th – Wednesday 12th June – Girls Football at Brentford

Friday 14th June - Year 2 leading Year of Prayer St. Francis 9:15am

Wednesday 19th June – Year 1 Visit to Beamish Museum

Thursday 20th June – Year 6 Ski Lesson at Silksworth (4.45pm arrival back at school)

Tuesday 25th June – Year 6 Ski Trip to Snozone, Castleford

Tuesday 25th June – Reception visit to the beach

Thursday 27th June – Nursery visit to the beach

Thursday 27th/Friday 28th June – Team Challenge Adventure Days (Year 4 and Year 5)

w/c 8th July –Sports Week

Wednesday 17th July 3.15pm-4.15pm – Family Picnic