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Good afternoon everyone,

Whilst the announcement from Boris Johnson that Covid restrictions would remain was not a complete surprise to us all it has still opened up a world of obstacles to the normal running of end of year events. Please do bear with me as I work through risk assessments for all the lovely things we have planned. I strongly believe that a successful education is due to the partnership between school, children and parents and I am keen to involve you in as much as possible, whilst balancing everyone's health and safety.

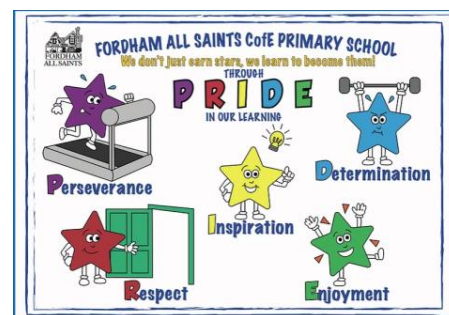
You have all received information regarding Sports Day, which will hopefully go-ahead next week, weather permitting. Whilst the new ways of enabling parents to watch the event mean you will have to remain socially distanced and seated by enforcing this, I am able to let parents come on to school grounds, watch and cheer on their children. This is a big step on from last year when we could not even have sports day.

23rd June is designated as National Thank a Teacher Day and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff who work in school. Without their dedication, hard work and perseverance our school would not be the fantastic place to work that it is and we would not be able to give our children the best possible start to learning that we do.

Thank you everyone for everything.

On Thursday we will be welcoming our new reception children into school for their first taster day. This always brings home to me that school life is a continuum of starting and finishing, particularly as I can hear children learning songs for the end of year production.

At this moment in time, I cannot see how we can give a live performance of the end of year show due to the restrictions in place around the number of people indoors and social distancing. I am looking into recording the production and



Upcoming Events

22nd June Full Governing Body meeting

23rd June Sports day weather permitting.

23rd June National Thank a Teacher Day 😊

24th June New Intake 1st Visit

28th & 29th June Yr 6 Transition day at St. Benedicts

1st July New Intake 2nd visit

2nd July Book Day

6th July Partnership Working Party Joint Governors meeting

9th July Dress down day for hamper items

w/b 12th July KS2 Performance week

13th July Full Governing Body meeting

21st July Last day of term

22nd July Summer holidays start

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then making the recordings available to parents. If there is anyone within the school community who may be able to help with this please could they contact the school office and we can have a chat around what you can offer.

I am delighted to be able to tell you that the break the rules day raised a magnificent £304 and this has been matched by a parental donation to make a grand total of £608 which is absolutely fabulous. The Friends of Fordham have had limited opportunities to carry out any fundraising activities this year so this is a big boost to their funds.

The next fundraising opportunity will be a Chocolate and Wine hamper raffle. We will allow the children to come to school on Friday 9th July in their home clothes in exchange for chocolate and wine. These items will then be made into hampers and raffle tickets will be on sale for a chance to win a hamper. More information will be sent home nearer the time.

We are continuing to work closely with the teachers at Chappel and this week we had a very productive meeting to discuss how we plan our themed work. We are introducing a new approach to ensure that all the learning intentions are covered in a sequential way and build on what the children already know. I doubt very much that your children will notice any difference, however we will know that we are covering the full national curriculum and preparing our children for the next step in their education.

I think most of you are now able to use the School Ping app and I have heard some very positive comments around its ease of use. We will continue using Parent Mail until the end of June and then we will send all communication via School Ping. We will also run both school meals booking systems until the end of June and then from July onwards we ask that you book all school meals using School Ping. I am delighted that the transition to this system is going so smoothly as it will enable us to move towards a paperless school and the system is so versatile, we will be able to use it for booking appointments and getting permission for school visits.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Julie Ingram

In the Community

School website

I will be adding information and updating the website over the next few weeks. Please do visit the site to keep up to date with all that is going on in school.

www.allsaints-fordham.essex.sch.uk



Dear Lord

Please help us to look
after our friends and
make sure they are ok.
Also, thank you for all the
medical staff and
emergency services that
help people every day.

Amen