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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very pleasing week saw our Year 6 children showing all their knowledge and skills in their SATs tests, and our Year 4 children going off on their first night away at Springhead on Thursday and Friday. This week it will be the turn of our Year 5 children to go away to Leeson House near Swanage, for a two-night stay from Monday to Wednesday. After all the disruption caused by the pandemic, it is a real joy to be able to put on these trips again this year.

**Change of drop off and pick up after half term**

Now that things are getting back to normal, we are keen to stop using the car park area as a pedestrian entrance to school. We only started using it during the pandemic to keep cohorts apart. After the half term break, will parents from Reception and Year 1 use the side gate to drop off and pick up. Children can be sent through the side gate to walk to their classrooms, or parents can take them to the door at the back of the Hall (for Year 1s) or the Reception classroom door. Exit should also be through the side gate.

I’m afraid this will mean that parents with push chairs wont be able to use the steep slope to get to the Reception class, they will need to leave the pushchair at the top of school or at the top of the steps to the playground.

**No Nuts please**

We operate a Nut-Free school for the safety of our children. Lunch staff have seen some products with nuts in them recently. Please be very mindful of this when selecting items for packed lunches.

**Choosing Our Future – Environmental Event at Shaftesbury School on Thursday 19th May from 5.45pm**

Please see the attached information about this event which is free to attend and includes a meal and lots of talks, films and discussions about how we can affect the futureof the world environment.

**Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebration – Friday 27th May**

Children should come to school dressed as kings or queens, or in red, white and blue to help us celebrate the 70 year reign of Queen Elizabeth. During the day, children will do jubilee-themed activities, then at 2pm we invite parents to join us on the field for a party tea and entertainment until the end of the school day or a little later if you want to stay on until 4pm.

Don’t worry if you can’t make it, we will look after the chidren and have them ready to be picked up or put them on the bus at the normal time. Warrior Club will carry on as normal.

**PTFA Colour Run – Sunday 19th June 9am-3pm on the Turnpike Showground**

Do come and join us for this exciting event for all ages and abilities.

Please click on the link below to purchase tickets <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/857700715>

**Sports Days**

We are very pleased to be able to have parents coming along to our sports days again this year.

The younger ones (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will have theirs on Monday 20th June from 1pm to 3pm. The older ones have theirs the next day, Tuesday 21st June from 1pm to 3pm.Children should come in PE kit that day, wearing a tee shirt of their house colour if possible. The older ones also have their field events during the morning of Monday 20th June, but this session is not open to parents.

House colours are:

St James – yellow

St Peter – red

St John - green

**Half Term Forest School Day**

Claire Harding (Level 3 forest school leader, primary teacher, first aider) and Emma Stephens (Level 3 Forest School Leader, first aider) will be the forest school leaders running the day. Both are DBS checked and have many years of experience with children in mainstream and special educational needs.

The day will run from 9-4pm on Wednesday 1st June.

The session will be held at the Fontmell National Trust forest school site. The drop off point for this will be the spread Eagle car park at the top of the hill of the Shaftesbury road just opposite the airfield. (Drop off can be from 8.50-9.15 to ease parking as it’s limited)

We will tick off the children and gather them safely on the other side of the gate until all children are present and then walk to the site together once all have arrived.

There is a toilet and water on site and the day will be a day full of crafts, forest school exploring, campfires 🔥 and FUN!!

The cost of the day is £30 for all day. (9-4pm) and includes a snack and campfire light tea time meal (will be around 3pm!)

I’m happy to offer a 10% sibling discount so

1 place-£30

2 places-£54

3 places-£81

Please email forestyogiminds@yahoo.com

For details of how to book.

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

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| Summer half term | Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022 |
| INSET DAY | Monday 6 June 2022 |
| Summer term ends | Friday 22 July 2022 |
| Summer holidays | Monday 25 July 2022 to Wednesday 31 August 2022 |

**TERM DATES 2022 – 2023**

Autumn Term

Inset Day Thursday 1st September 2022

Inset Day Friday 2nd September 2022

Children start back Monday 5th September 2022

Autumn Half Term Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October 2022

Autumn term ends Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas Holidays Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term

Inset Day Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Children start back Wednesday 4th January 2023

Spring half term Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Inset Day                                                         Monday 13th March 2023

Spring Term ends Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term

Summer term starts Monday 17th April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023

Summer half term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

Inset Day                                                          Monday 5th June 2023

Summer term ends Friday 21st July 2023

Summer holidays Monday 24th July to Thursday 31st August 2023