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Dear All,

Mid way through the term! Time is flying by, we must be having fun!

Children and staff are working hard in preparation for tests and assessments. Next week Year 6 will be demonstrating their learning in reading, grammar, spelling and maths. We are confident that we have done all that we can to help them be successful. It will now be down to the children to show off their skills. We wish them all the very best.

Our final week of term our Year 2 children will taking their tests, again they are ready and prepared. They are excited and keen to show what they can do. We know that they will be brilliant too. As always we have many enrichment activities in place for the remainder of the term. Please visit our website to find out more about these. The purpose of visits and visitors is to expose our children to as many experiences as possible; this helps our children to be knowledgeable, articulate and informed. The range of activities planned varies from education children on the dangers of solvent abuse to digital art to rope climbing in a local activity centre, not to mention taking part in sports activities and hopefully a talent show!

We are so delighted to have Mr Hall, our Site Supervisor, as part of our team. Mr Hall is carrying on the good work of his predecessors. He has been delighted to hear positive comments from parents on the work he has completed. Thank you. Mr Hall has a busy time ahead. During the Whitsun half term holiday we will be having contractors on site to fit new doors, windows and a ramp. Yes a ramp!! Year 6 will now have a door and a ramp to get to the door. The windows in the classroom will be replaced at the same time. Children in Year 6 will then enter and leave the building through their new door. We will also have doors and new windows fitted to the Year 4 classroom and the adjoining classroom. Year 4 children will use this door to enter and leave the building. This will mean that Year 4 and Year 6 will swap lining up places. The majority of this work will be completed over the half term break however the Year 4 work will continue into the first week of the new term. Mr Hall will make sure that we are all safe and sound during this time and there is as little disruption as possible to teaching and learning. Please follow any signs or directions to keep your children safe whilst building work is in progress.

Sports Premium Funding - the Government supports all schools to promote Vigorous Physical Activity for all children. On our website you can find our action plan for this year and also the reviewed one from last year. Funding is used to help children participate and to sustain their interest and enthusiasm in being active and healthy. Funding has enabled staff to develop their skills in teaching PE lessons, has broadened the experiences for children and to purchase new equipment. We are hoping that before the end of this academic year to have new posts for the playground. This will include football, netball, basket ball and cricket markings and nets. Mrs Cadman (PE Coordinator) is working with Mr Hall to get these in place as soon as possible.

Our final piece of brilliant news is that Hazel Leys Academy has been awarded the Careers Mark. Mrs May led the Academy to this amazing achievement. We are the third school in the country to achieve this mark; this shows how special it is! All the work that we have completed in educating and informing children of careers and the world of work has been recognised, we are delighted! Look out for the Career Mark on our website. Careers and employability is firmly embedded within our curriculum and has been enhanced by local companies, visitors and organisations - a huge thank you to all who have been involved. We are now working towards our Arts Mark.

We make the most of every minute!

## Dates for the Diary

We will be sharing dates in the diary on our website in 'calendar' and also on What's On? We share lots of events and information on our Twitter page. Please follow us.

### Assembly Dates

Assemblies start at 9.00 a.m. as soon as all the children are seated. Parents of the class whose special assembly it is are invited to the assembly. Parents of children receiving awards are invited into the assembly.

#### Summer Term 1

18<sup>th</sup> May Y3

25<sup>th</sup> May End of Term Award Assembly

#### Summer Term 2

8th June Y2

15th June Y4

22nd June R

29th June Y6

6th July Y1

13th July, End of Year Awards

Important Dates: School is closed -

Whitsun Holiday, last day of term May 25th and school re-opens June 4th.

### PRAISE

A reminder to parents of the ways in which we encourage children to be successful, informed and responsible. PRAISE encompasses our values and ambitions for children. Lunchtime clubs are run throughout the year in which staff plan ways to develop these life skills in our children. These are some of the ideas for the clubs and things that we do:

**Problem Solvers/Responsibility/Resilience/Reflective** – games, challenges, puzzles, reflective questions – Are we safer now than children were during World War II?, Should we keep animals in zoos? What is waste? Responsible – litter picking in the playground and the front of school, tidying library, gardening and planting.

**Aspirational** look at goals and targets and what children do to achieve these, focus on people in the news or a campaign in the news that promotes aspiration eg Black History Month, National Women's Day, 'I can', elections, heroes, local and national, Careers and Employability, successful people and children.

**Informed** – current affairs, school business, First News, develop vocabulary, questioning, answering questions, focus on one news item or many eg Character Counts Campaign, Queen's retirement, Olympics, Remembrance Day, General Election, Holocaust Week, World Cup, school business – Christmas, Changes, Academy Council Elections.

**Self-Motivated and Self-Assured** – setting own goals, sharing their best work, understanding good learning behaviours, manners and social etiquette including how we present ourselves to others, supporting children how to greet each other and visitors, manners, knowing what to do to improve and being able to articulate this, helping in the hall, helping younger children reading, performing a song or a poem at the end of term assembly.

**Enterprising** – money skills, teaching children how to recognise and use money, games involving money; children to raise awareness and lead on a school campaign - ECO school, Recycling – children to design and create posters, lead assemblies, research the importance of looking after our resources (how much do we spend on electricity, gas and paper in one year – can we reduce this by next year?).

Support Academy Council in promoting a local enterprise – raising money for a local hospice, charity or cause.

Our aim is to prepare children for their future. We believe that we do a good job. Please suggest any ways that we can improve or do more. Thank you