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Dear Parents and Carers,

Royal Wedding

As part of our curriculum, we work with all our pupils to help them develop their understanding of British culture and values. This week the Royal Wedding between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle will take place on Saturday 19th May. To help our pupils understand and celebrate this important part of British history, assemblies for the week will focus on the Royal wedding. A Royal Wedding lunch will take place on Thursday and all pupils are invited to our Royal Wedding party afternoon which will take place on Friday. Pupils, can if they wish, wear their party clothes for this special occasion. Our morning nursery pupils will have their own special party on Friday morning.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

This month we're updating our Privacy Notices and Policy to make it easier for you to understand what information we collect and why we collect it. We've also taken steps to improve how we safeguard staff and pupil data to protect their privacy. We're making these update as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) takes effect across the European Union. By the 25th May our new privacy notice for pupils and staff will be displayed together with the policy on our school website, under the policies tab.

Parental Questionnaire

Every year parents are invited to complete a parental questionnaire. We are delighted to share a 100% of responses strongly agree or agree that:

All – 100% strongly agree or agreed that:

- My child is happy at school
- My child feels safe at school
- My child makes good progress
- My child is well looked after at this school
- My child is taught well at this school
- The school make sure its pupils are well behaved
- The school is well led and managed
- This school responds well to any concerns I raise
- I receive valuable information from the school about my child's learning/progress
- I would recommend this school to other parents/carers

Opportunities Fair Preparation for Life Beyond School – Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Parents and carers of students from year 8 to year 14 are invited to our Opportunities Fair which will be held at school on Wednesday 23rd May from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Parents, carers and students are invited to call into school between these times to meet local college providers and organisations that support our students and families post 19. Previous fairs have been extremely successful in helping our young people, their parents and carers consider future options for life after school.

A reminder of important summer dates

Invitation to come into school for a Coffee and a Chat

Coffee and a Chat is an informal opportunity to come into school to meet with other parents, carers and grandparents. As well as an opportunity to meet other parents and carers, Coffee and a Chat aims to provide a range of information to support families. Please see below for dates and times:

- Coffee and a Chat, Tuesday 19th June at 13:30
- Coffee and a Chat, Wednesday 20th June at 0930

Further information will be sent home about each workshop closer to the time

Science Week

Science week will begin Monday 11th June to Friday 15th June. This is an exciting week when pupils will develop their scientific investigation skills.

Sports Day

Weather permitting; sports days will take place on Wednesday 27th June and Wednesday 04th July. Please come along and support our sports days, the times for each class are listed below:

Wednesday 27th June

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| Rainbow Room | 09:40 |
| Primary Blue | 10:30 |
| Primary Red | 11:20 |

Wednesday 04th July

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| Green Class | Wednesday morning* |
| Senior Blue | Wednesday morning* |
| Senior Red | Wednesday morning* |

*Times for individual pupils will be confirmed via the school diary.

FE Ball

The Further Education department will be hosting our annual Leavers' Ball. The students who are leaving school this year wish to invite all of their friends in Senior Red, FE1 and FE2. If your child is in one of these classes they are invited to dress up and come to the leavers' ball on Wednesday 18th July from 6:00 – 8:00pm. During this time the students will be supervised by the staff, enjoy a disco and have refreshments. All students are asked to provide a donation of £3.00 to cover costs. Parents will need to drop off and collect their child. Last year the students had a wonderful time and the evening was a great success.

Assembly for FE Leavers

This year we have five FE students leaving school. Parents, grandparents and friends of the students who are leaving are invited to a tea party followed by a leavers' assembly on Tuesday 17th July from 2.00pm. The afternoon is a time to celebrate these young peoples' achievements and to wish them well for their future. Look out for your invitation.

Sun Cream

If the sun continues to shine! Please ensure your child is safe in the sun by sending into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name and a named sun hat. Please do not send in any sun cream which contains nuts for example, coconut sun cream. This is very important as we have children and staff who are allergic to nuts. Thank you for your support.

Best Wishes

Catherine