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Dear Parents and Carers

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Spring has finally sprung and it has been great to allow the children onto the field this week during break times and lunchtimes. As the sun begins to shine on us, the school grounds are looking fantastic at the moment following Year 6 pupils who have been working hard to improve the grounds by tending to the raised beds at the rear of the school as part of forest school.

Thanks go to Mr Hirst who took a Year 4 football team to Pindar on Wednesday afternoon. The children played magnificently, winning 4 games and drawing one against a number of local primary schools.

ATTENDANCE I am currently receiving a high number of leave of absence forms and medical appointments, arranged during school time. I understand the attraction of the cheaper holiday deals available during term time, but would respectfully and politely like to draw your attention to the following extract taken from our attendance policy, in line with guidance from the DfE...

...Parents should avoid booking family holidays during term-time. Generally, the DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance...Permission for such absences is not given automatically and unauthorised absences may be referred to the Local Authority and result in a fixed penalty notice.

Our current attendance rate is 95.46%, slightly below our target of 96%. If you require any support around attendance, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your support in helping us to reach our target.

The recent parent survey highlighted the fact that many parents are unsure on the role of school governors. We are blessed with a committee of incredibly supportive, dedicated and knowledgeable governors. Governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of the school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. They enable the school to run as effectively as possible, working alongside senior leaders and supporting teachers to provide our children with the best learning experiences and education. Being a school governor is a commitment to attending governing body meetings which consider issues such as setting the school vision, mitigating financial risk and scrutinising educational outcomes. They are

**Facts and
 Figures for your
 information**

There are 190 Teaching Days in a school year.

There are 175 non-Teaching Days in a school year.

10 days of absence over a school year reduces attendance to 95%.

29 days of absence reduces attendance to 85%.

47 days of absence reduces attendance to 75%.

Children with over 90% attendance are more likely to achieve five or more A-C grade GCSE's.

Children with less than 85% attendance are unlikely to gain any A-C grade GCSE's.

also involved in the school community, acting as critical friends to myself and other senior leaders. Governors bring a wide range of skills and expertise from their professional lives to the governing board and the school benefits greatly from working with these skilled volunteers. You can find out more in the governors' section of our website.

I will provide more information about other actions and plans relating to the results of the parent survey as they are implemented.

DINNER W/C Tuesday 7 May

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| School Closed For May Day Bank Holiday | V Creamy Mac & Cheese V Vegetable Chilli & Rice Peas & Sweetcorn Homebaked Garlic Bread Tuna Sandwich Baked Bean Jacket Potato Iced Lemon Finger | Roast Gammon V Creamy Vegetable Pie, Gravy Baby Potatoes Medley of Vegetables Homebaked 50/50 Bread Cheese Sandwich Veg Chilli Jacket Potato Apple Crumble & Custard | Chicken Korma with 50/50 Rice V Crispy Potato & Cauli Cheese Bake Green Beans & Carrots, Naan Bread Egg Mayo Sandwich Cheese Jacket Potato Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Muffin | Harry Ramsdens Battered Fish V Veggie Bite Sub Chips, Ketchup Sweetcorn & Peas Sliced Wholemeal Bread Chicken Sandwich Baked Bean Jacket Potato Custard Cookie with Orange Wedge |

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend

Robert Webb, Headteacher

Key Dates

6 May – School Closed – May Day Bank Holiday

8-10 May – Y5 Residential trip to East Barnby

13 May – Y6 SATs week

24th May – School Closes for half-term

17 May – STARS School Disco

w/c 3 June and 10 June – Y4 Multiplication checks

w/c 10 June - Y1 Phonics screening (Y2 who did not not meet the expected standard at the end of year 1 will also complete the phonics screening)

10-12 June – Y6 Residential trip - London

