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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Our School Values**

This week we have been focusing on the value of 'Resilience'. Next week, we will begin to look at the value of 'Aspiration' and how we can show that at school as well as building our aspiration for the future.

### **Year 2 SATs Assessments**

Well done to the Year 2 children this week who have completed their SATs Assessments. Like our Year 6s, they have shown great resilience in tackling the questions and both the Year 2 team and I are extremely proud of all the children.

### **Class Photos**

Class photos will be taking place on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** so please ensure your child comes to school in their school uniform. If they normally have PE on this day, they can bring their PE kit into school which they will be able to change in to before their PE session.

### **Pupil Groups**

Next week, we will be selecting successful candidates following the pupil group applications. We have had some lovely, positive feedback from parents about the potential opportunity this provides for their child. We were really pleased with the number of children who applied for a role and I know it will be an extremely difficult task of selecting children. Each class will have one representative for each of the groups so that the roles can be spread out amongst each class.

For the Student Council, we will be teaching each class about the role of democracy and the importance this plays within British society. Any applicants of this role will then have the opportunity to share with their class why they think they believe they are a good candidate to represent their class for Student Council. As with a normal election, the class will then vote for their chosen candidate. With the other roles, this will be determined through a short interview, which will be run by a member of the leadership team.

We have chosen to allocate the roles in this way to provide children with the understanding and experience of real life when it comes to democracy and applying for jobs. Alongside this, we will speak to the children about dealing with their emotions if they are either successful or unsuccessful in their applications.



## Meet the SENDCo Coffee Morning

A reminder that on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** you are invited to meet our new Special Educational Needs Coordinator, Mrs Vanessa Tear. The purpose of the coffee morning is for any parents to have an informal chat with Mrs Tear and get to know her before she meets with parents on a more formal basis to discuss any child's individual needs. This will be held in the school hall from 8:45am.

## Sunflower Competition

Today, each child is coming home with a small pot containing a sunflower seed, which they have planted today. In assembly this week, I set all the children a challenge of looking after and nurturing the sunflower seed in order to see how tall they can grow their sunflower.

Between now and the end of the academic year, we would like each child to take care of their sunflower plant to see which child can grow the tallest sunflower. The staff have also each planted a seed and are involved in the competition also. You can send us photos of the children and their growing sunflower, which we will post onto Facebook.



## Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to Tom Barlex for arranging some volunteers from his work to clear out the garden area today. They have worked tirelessly and done a fantastic job of clearing out the gravel, weeds and cleaning the paving slabs. This will now allow the school and the Friends of Holne Chase to start planning how to turn the space into a learning garden for the children to use.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs – Summer 2

The after-school clubs for next half term can now be booked via the Arbor App. Please log on to book your child's space as they are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Event	Date	Time
Year 3 Woburn Safari Park Trip	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	All day
Year 1 Multi-skills Day	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<i>Letters have been sent to specific parents when children are selected</i>
SEN Coffee Morning	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	8:45am
Class Photos	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	All day
Last Day of Summer 1	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	3pm / 3:10pm
<b>MAY HALF TERM</b> Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		
First Day of Summer 2	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	8:40am
Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Competition	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Further information will be sent to specific children regarding the event</i>
Early Years Multi-Skills Event	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Further information will be sent to specific children regarding the event</i>
Father's Day Event	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm
Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Competition	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<i>Further information will be sent to specific children regarding the event</i>
Sports Day	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	9am
Summer Fair	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	11am – 3pm
Year 2 Southend on Sea Trip	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	7:40am – 5pm
Last Day of the Year	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	3pm / 3:10pm

