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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope your child has settled back into school for our final term of the academic year. The summer term is always a busy one and I'd like to start this week's newsletter by sharing some key dates and events with you:

26 th Apr	Tempest to take Y6 & Reception Vista photos
2 nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
4 th May	Parent Committee Meeting 7.00 pm in school
9 th – 13 th May	End of KS2 assessments (Year 6 pupils)
27 th May	School closes for half term
6 th Jun	School opens
16 th Jun	Y5/6 visit to Stockton Hall Farm
23 rd Jun	Y6 Languages Day at Bishop Heber High School
24 th Jun*	Helpers' Tea
5 th Jul	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chester Cathedral
6 th Jul	KS2 Production 2.00 pm & 6.30pm
8 th Jul*	Sports Day and TSA Summer Fair
13 th Jul	Parents' Evening (from 2.00 pm)
14 th Jul	Arts Celebration Evening at Bishop Heber High School
15 th Jul	Y5 Curriculum Day
18 th Jul	Y6 Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church: 6.30 pm
19 th Jul	Y6 Intake Day at Bishop Heber High School
20 th Jul	End of term for pupils
21 st Jul	INSET day 5 School closed

* Please note these dates have been rescheduled to avoid a clash with the Summer Garden Party on 25th June (2.00 – 5.00 pm)

Boogie Night

Our fundraising efforts are going strong as we work together to raise money to kit out the new school hall. The **70s and 80s Boogie Night** took place over the holidays and was a huge success. The evening was enjoyed by a large group of parents, staff, residents and friends of the school and raised a whopping **£1000**. It was great to see so many people at the village hall dressed in their 70s and 80s outfits showing off their best moves! I'd like to thank Kate Buckeridge, Vanda Sutton and the rest of the Boogie Night team for putting on an excellent event for the school and the wider community.

Feedback from Questionnaires and Parent Committee Meeting: 4th May

Many thanks to you all for completing your parent questionnaires. These were given out just before school closed for the Spring Break and **91** were returned which is a fantastic response! Your views are vitally important in helping us to improve the school and address any issues which you feel need looking at. Here is a summary of the responses you gave:

		% agree/ strongly agree
1	My child is happy at this school.	98.9
2	My child feels safe at this school.	100
3	My child makes good progress at this school.	100
4	My child is well looked after at this school.	100
5	My child is taught well at this school.	100
6	My child receives appropriate homework for his/her age.	95.6
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	98.9
8	This school deals effectively with bullying.	97.8
9	This school is well led and managed.	100
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	100
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	92.3
		% yes
12	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	100

The responses were very positive and I'd like to thank you for the many comments you added to demonstrate your support of the school. Having looked through the questionnaires and talked together as a staff team, we feel there are two areas which we need to explore further. I would be grateful if you could consider the following points:

1) Homework

Do you think your child receives too much or too little homework? What is working well for you at home in terms of the activities your child completes? What do you think the school could do better?

2) Information about your child's progress

What information do you currently receive about your child's progress? What would you like to see more of? How could the school improve the way it reports to you (including Parents' Evenings and annual reports)?

I am aware that the responses we have received tell us only so much. With this in mind, I would like to invite you all to our next **Parent Committee** meeting so that we can discuss some of these areas with you in more detail. The meeting will take place at **7.00 pm** on **Wednesday, 4th May**. Please do your best to come along and share your ideas. There will also be an opportunity to discuss any other issues you bring along with you.

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

YR	Fraser, Dylan, Corey and Joseph: for amazing ideas and building of a Tracy Island Castle
Y1	Charlotte: for wonderful ideas for actions to support a class poem
Y2	Annabel: for lovely written ideas within her character description
Y3	Teddy: for super, creative thinking on work on homophones
Y4	Joseph: for lovely, imaginative ideas in his Passover poem
Y5	Elliot: for focused and creative work
Y6	Ethan: for focused and thoughtful

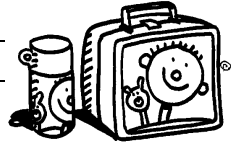
Collective Worship



Our theme for the new half term is **SERVICE**. We will be reflecting on our own talents and how we can use these to **serve** others. We will also be considering the importance of giving freely and exploring the work of people who live a life of **service**. Perhaps you could talk to your child about his/her special skills and talents; how could these be used to serve others at home and in school?

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 25th April 2016

Monday	Lemon chicken and pea risotto or pulled pork with jacket potato
Tuesday	Braised beef with new potatoes & veg or sweet and sour noodles with quorn
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Cornish pasty and wedges or jacket potato with cheese
Friday	Fish and sauté potatoes or Mexican quorn wrap



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and that this lovely weather continues.

Yours sincerely

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