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Principal Comments

This week's newsletter has been the hardest to write. There are very few words to describe the atrocities in the news recently and the impact it has had. We have sent our prayers to the families affected by the travesty and prayers of peace for all. We will all find this news challenging.

It gives ever more prominence to our global curriculum in ensuring our pupils seek to understand and learn about others. Our Christian values of friendship and compassion, service and forgiveness will also ensure we are promoting peace and a commitment to each other across all cultures and beliefs.

It is challenging to think that something could happen in our beautiful and peaceful school sat on top of the sunny cliffs of Folkestone but please be assured that we have taken the necessary action and have appropriate safeguards in place.

Below are two links to videos that you may find useful for personal use. They are informative and useful and are not meant in any way to cause any alarm. I believe that has already happened.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzJCIG1UrVA>—*hot protocol/procedure for suspicious or unattended items video*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4jxOXbpTmnk>—*stay safe: firearms and weapons attack*

Following what has been a busy term full of wonderful learning, we are at the end. Our art exhibition this week has been a huge success. I know you'll join me in thanking Miss Morton for going that extra mile and enriching our pupils' art in such a wonderful way. It was truly inspirational. We must also give our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils a huge applaud for their hard work and focus in their recent tests. They have done themselves proud.

I'd like to thank you all too for your response to our attendance issue. We are now striving towards our goal and are at 95%. This is hugely important and a credit to all of our school members. WELL DONE!

As we approach the last term of the school year, I can already sense a jam packed and busy one. The following are some key dates for your diaries:-

Monday 5th June 2017—Start of Term 6

Tuesday 13th June 2017—3.30 pm—Meeting for Y5 Parents re. Kent Test—Junior Hall

Friday 23rd June 2017—Tag Day for School Fete Donations

week commencing Monday 26th June 2017 (to be confirmed) provisional Sports Days

Friday 30th June 2017—3.00 pm onwards—School Fete

Wednesday 5th July 2017- Nursery Big Toddler

Wednesday 5th July 2017—The Three Hills—4.00 pm—District Sports

Monday 10th July 2017—pm—Transition for new classes

Tuesday 11th July 2017—Nursery Open Day—9.30 to 10.30 am

Thursday 13th July 2017—am—Transition for new classes

Thursday 13th July 2017—Reports to Parents

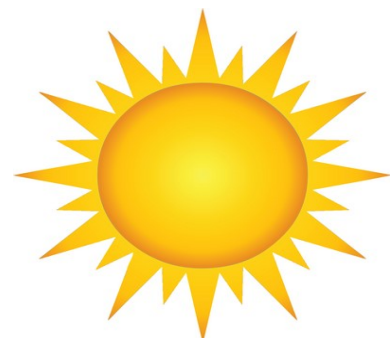
Thursday 13th July 2017—Y6 School Leavers' Disco

Friday 14th July 2017—Training Day:

Wednesday 19th July 2017—all day with new classes

Thursday 20th July 2017—Y6 Leavers' Service—2.00 pm—St. Mary & St. Eanswythe Church, The Bayle

Friday 21st July 2017—End of Term 6:



St. Mary's Facebook Page

If you wish to access the school's facebook page but are not a member, you can go onto the school's website www.stmarysfolkestone.com and click on the facebook logo at the top of the page.



Breakfast Club is becoming increasingly popular and provides a wonderfully nutritious breakfast in a caring and homely environment. St. Mary's offers this at an extremely reduced rate in comparison to other schools. We do this to ensure as many of our children have a healthy start to their day. However, due to increased food costs, it is with regret we have had to reluctantly make the decision to increase the cost from £1.00 to £1.50 per day. This will start from the 5th June 2017. I am sure you will all agree that this is excellent value. What do you get for £1.50?

45 minutes of free child care

A wide choice of breakfast cereals

A healthy range of fruit and yoghurts

Toast , Croissants, Crumpets and Bagels

Occasional Bacon Sandwiches

Happy and relaxed environment

Payment must be made on the day or in advance, as arranged with the team. You may find it easier to pay for the whole term in advance. Thank you.