

Dear Parents / Carers,

I'm not sure how, but we've reached the end of the first half of the Summer Term - seemingly without pausing to take breath! And it's certainly been a busy one! There have been tournaments and competitions, cycling and trips, the new outdoor gym facilities have worked out, we've had a fabulously mad May Fayre and, of course, the Year 6 and Year 2 children sat their SATs!

Have a lovely half term holiday and I'll see you all refreshed and reinvigorated on Monday the 5th June!

STAFFING – After half term we will be welcoming Mrs. Jewitt back to active service! Her hip operation has been successful and she'll be dancing round the classroom on Monday 5th June! I would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you to Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Zelli for stepping into the breach and providing Ash class with such excellent cover.

Sadly, in July, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Hall who has taught Cedar class brilliantly for last three years. She will be much missed by all of our community for her blunt honesty, her ferocious drive for success and her fabulous cakes! However, I am very pleased to be able to welcome Mrs. Hannah Clark to our staff, from September. Mrs. Clark has a wealth of experience teaching Years 5 and 6 and will be joining us for the transition afternoon to meet the children properly.

Finally, we are saying a tearful farewell to Mrs. Burton. Mrs. Burton has taught music here at Hunsdon for 40 years and I am sure that you'll all join me in wishing her a happy and well-deserved retirement!

SUMMER FAYRE – This year's May Fayre was another great success and raised a magnificent £2300! Massive thanks go to the FRIENDS and the many volunteers who gave up their time to make the day such an excellent one.

KNEX CHALLENGE – Monday 5th June – Welcoming Cedar back to school will be Setpoint's Knex Challenge! The children will spend the morning testing their practical design skills on a task which sees the winners entered into the County competition!

GENERAL ELECTION – Thursday 8th June – Have you ever wondered who would run the country if our children were to decide? We'll find out on the 8th June when the results of our own School Election are counted!

SWIMMING – Cedar class have enjoyed their final swimming lessons and so hand over the blue, polystyrene and slightly chewed float to Ash who will begin their lessons on **Tuesday 6th June**.

OAK AND APPLE TRIP TO SHEPRETH WILDLIFE PARK – Friday 9th June – As part of their 'Creatures' topic Oak and Apple classes will be spending the day with the animals at Shepreth.

PHONICS TESTING WEEK – 12th – 16th June – It's Year 1's turn to enjoy showing off their prowess at blends, clusters, digraphs (whether split or vowel) and graphemes.

CEDAR'S RESIDENTIAL TRIP – 12th – 16th June – Hoorah! It's here again! Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Dunstan, Mrs. McGregor (our first line indicator of damp and windy weather) and I get to take the 29 children of Cedar to Kingswood for a week of adrenalin fuelled adventures and activities. We'll be setting up a designated page on our school website for interested parties to see how the children's week develops, so keep an eye out for tales of death defying leaps and feats of outrageous bravery!

WHOLE SCHOOL 'EXPLORERS' TOPIC DAY – Wednesday 21st June – It seems like an awful long time since we were able to dress up (3 months at least...) so to link all the topics that each class have been studying this term, we're having a special 'Explorers' Day. For costumes think Dr. Livingstone and Mary Kingsley, Fiennes and Dame Stark, or Armstrong and Osman - the Hamdi Bey version of course. The School Council and staff will be planning this together so there will be plenty of entertainment guaranteed throughout the day!

FIRE BRIGADE VISIT – Wednesday 28th June – Ash class will have some special visitors for the morning, when a team of fire fighters visit to work alongside them.

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS – If you have any Sainsbury's vouchers lurking at the back of your kitchen cupboard and would like to donate them to us, could you please hand them in by **Friday 30th June**. Thank you ☺

SPORTS DAYS – Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July – Apple and Oak join with Hunsdon Ducklings on the morning of the 3rd to take part in an assortment of races followed on the 4th by Years 1 to 6. Both events start at 9.10am so come along and cheer on our athletes!

CEDAR PERFORMANCES – Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July – Join Cedar for their end of year performance, 'The Peace Child' at 2.00pm on the Wednesday or 7.00pm on the Thursday.

FRENCH ASSEMBLY – 9.15am, 11th July – Join the children from the French club as they demonstrate their linguistic skills in a very special assembly.

TEA PARTY IN THE PLAYGROUND – Unfortunately owing to the postponement of Mrs. Burton's hip operation we will not be able to celebrate her 40 years with us on this day. Instead we will be partying in the autumn term when she is fully recovered and ready to dance the light fantastic with us!

NUTRITION EXPERT'S VISIT – Wednesday 2.00pm, 12th July – We are very fortunate to have been able to book Nichola Lee, a nutrition expert currently working with the School's Nursing Service, to work with our Maple class and their parents, at creating delicious and nutritious pack lunches and picnics in readiness for the summer! More details to follow.

CHAUNCY DAY – Friday 14th July – Years 1 to 6 will be taking part in a special event at Chauncy School again this year. More details will be provided closer to the time.

LEAVERS' TREAT – Monday 17th July (am) – This year our Year 6's have chosen Air Space, Stevenage for their Leavers' Treat. The Year 6 children are welcome to wear suitable clothes to school but should bring uniform to change into after they finish the event in the morning.

TRANSITION AFTERNOON – Wednesday 19th July – A chance for the children to meet their new teachers and see their new classrooms.

CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS ASSEMBLY – Thursday 2.30pm, 20th July – Please join us all for our special prize giving and summer birthdays' assembly.

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY – Friday 9.15am, 21st July – We are pleased to invite families and friends of our Year 6 to their special Leavers' Assembly.

END OF TERM – We finish this term on **Friday 21st July at 2.30pm**. Please note: there will not be a whole school assembly on the afternoon of the 21st.

Have a lovely half term holiday,

Jon Millward
Head teacher

SUMMER TERM DATES 2017

5 th June	am	Cedar Class KNEX challenge
8 th June		Hunsdon JMI General Election
9 th June		Oak and Apple Trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park
12 th – 16 th June		Cedar Class Kingswood residential
21 st June		Explorers – Whole School activity day
23 rd June		Inset Day – School Closed
26 th June		Inset Day – School Closed
28 th June	am	Fire Brigade visit to Ash class
30 th June	9.30am	Cedar Class Dress Rehearsal
3 rd July	am	Oak and Apple Sports Day
3 rd July	4.00pm – 5.30pm	KS2 District sports at Wodson Park
4 th July	am	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day and picnic
5 th July	2.00pm	Cedar Afternoon Performance
6 th July	7.00pm	Cedar Evening Performance
11 th July	9.15am	French Assembly
12 th July	2.00pm	Nichola Hall visit to Maple
13 th July		Secondary transfer day
14 th July	tbc	Chauncy Day
17 th July	am	Year 6 Leaver's outing
19 th July	pm	Transition afternoon
20 th July	2.30pm	Certificates Assembly
21 st July	9.15am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
21 st July	2.30pm	Term Ends