

Headteacher's Letter

April 2014

Dear Parent

Diary Dates:

This term promises to be as busy as always with a number of activities and events planned. Some of the key dates are listed below for your information:

- Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday (school closed)
- Friday 23rd May: final day of this half term
- Monday 2nd June: school re-opens for next half term
- Monday 23rd June: Year 5 Taster Day (details to be published soon)
- Friday 27th June: Staff Training Day (school closed for pupils)
- Monday 30th June: New Intake Parents' Evening
- Tuesday 1st July: Year 6 Induction Day
- Monday 7th July – Friday 11th July: Activities Week
- Monday 7th July – Friday 18th July: Year 10 Work Experience
- Wednesday 23rd July: final day of term

StockFest from 3.30pm on Friday!

This Friday we are looking forward to our annual celebration of talent from across our school community. This event is now in its sixth year and every year it gets bigger and better. As well as a variety of performances on the main stage there will be a barbeque and refreshments run by our PTA and a number of stalls organised by Years 7 and 8 pupils. All funds raised are divided between our chosen charities and a school project. This year the school project chosen is the upkeep and development of our much loved farm and animals.

We hope many pupils will join us and to encourage them we have made Friday a non-uniform day (at no cost!) so they can come ready to go on to StockFest at 3.30pm. We would also be delighted if you and your family are able to join us as well. Tickets are already on sale in school at £3.00 (£3.50 on the door).

Looking Ahead to 2014-2015:

I am able to confirm the dates for the start of the Autumn Term as follows:

- Tuesday 2nd September: Staff Training Day
- Wednesday 3rd September: Year 7 start school
- Thursday 4th September: Years 8-11 return to school

I would ask that if you are planning to purchase any new items of uniform for your child between now and September that you check the items meet the revised uniform code introduced this year, in particular with regard to the style of school

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trousers and skirts accepted. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us before purchasing new items.

Examinations:

The majority of our pupils will be involved in taking examinations during May and June. Year 11 GCSEs start much earlier this year from Monday May 12th and we send our Year 11 pupils our best wishes at this important time in their school career. I know how hard pupils and staff have been working for these and the forecast for their results is looking very positive at this stage.

Years 7, 8 and 10 pupils will also be taking formal examinations in most of their subjects this term. Further details on these will be published shortly to you by Year Coordinators and you will also be able to access more information on Moodle about the dates and revision topics. We are grateful for all the support you will give your child at home to prepare and revise fully for these examinations in the coming weeks. Year 9 examinations have, of course, already taken place in January.

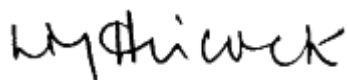
Spring Newsletter and School Website:

If you have not recently looked at our school website I would encourage you to do as it is looking very different now. We hope that you will find it much easier to use and access any information you need. It also includes a copy of our Spring Newsletter which is full of the many activities and events pupils and staff have taken part in last term. If you would prefer a paper copy these can still be requested at Pupil Services or reception.

Staff News:

Finally, I take this opportunity to send our best wishes and warmest congratulations to Ms. Knowles on her recent wedding. She will now be known as Mrs Vaughan.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher