

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Green Flag Award**

I am delighted to tell you that we have been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award – with distinction! This is a wonderful achievement for our Eco Committee and Mrs Boothby, who have worked tirelessly on so many initiatives to improve not only our local environment but also to raise awareness of sustainability and eco issues more widely. The application process was very lengthy and rigorous, so to be awarded distinction is a fantastic achievement and recognises that our Eco Committee has exceeded expectations. Congratulations and thank you to all the children and Mrs Boothby.

### **Attendance**

I am also very pleased to tell you that we have met our attendance target of 96% for this academic year! This is due to your support for making sure your child attends school every day that they are well enough and not taking them out on holidays during term time, so thank you. There is still time to exceed our target though, so let's see how far we can get by the end of the year!

### **St Albans Half Marathon**

The St Albans Half Marathon takes place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June and includes a family fun run. This fun run is open to all ages and family members and also incorporates the Primary School Challenge. The challenge is simple, the school with the highest percentage of their primary-age students entering the fun run will win a cash prize! When children sign up, they just need to make sure they state which primary school they attend. Children are also encouraged to complete their very own half marathon! Prior to the event, they can run 12x 1 mile runs and then complete the last one at the event and receive their Half Marathon Medal and ice lolly! In assembly on Monday a visitor from the marathon organisers will be talking to the children about the event, and a flyer is attached for your information.

### **Class photos**

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday next week to take class photos. Your child will need their jumper or cardigan for the photo and smart uniform please! A gentle reminder that shoes should be black school shoes, not trainers please.

### **Open phonics lesson**

If you would like to know more about how we teach phonics, there is an opportunity to watch a lesson in Year 1 next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. It will last around half an hour. Please make your way to the Year 1 classrooms at the end of soft start.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

### Diary dates Summer Term 2023

23rd May	Class photos
24th May	Year 5 trip to Royal Festival Hall
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Street Art workshop
26th May	Lime class sharing assembly 9am in the theatre
26th May	Year 1 open phonics lesson for parents 9.00am
29th May	Half Term week
5th June	Year 5 activity trip to Cuffley
5th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check week
9th June	Sky class sharing assembly 9am in the theatre
12th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week
14th June	STEM day Year 5
15th June	STEM day Year 6
16th June	Aqua class sharing assembly 9am in the theatre
16th June	Science Fair
17th June	Choir performing at St Peter's Church fayre
20th June	World Refugee Day theme lunch
21st June	World Music Day
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 6 trip to Frozen The Musical
22nd June	Year 5 trip to British Schools Museum
23rd June	Non-uniform day: donations for tombola
24th June	PTA Summer Fair
26th June	Stay and Play for new Reception children 3.45-4.30pm
30th June	Sports Day
3rd July	Last clubs this week
3rd July	Stay and Play for new Reception children 3.45-4.30pm
4th July	PTA meeting

5th-7th July	Year 6 residential trip to Gilwell Park
6th July	Year 3 recorder concert in the theatre 9am
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception class trip to Aldenham Country Park
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 trip to Knebworth House
12th July	Year 6 Leavers' Show 9.15am in the main hall
13th July	Transition Day
13th July	Open Evening - 10 year celebration 5 - 7pm
14th July	Reserve date for Sports Day
14th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
19th July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly 9am in the theatre
19th July	End of term- 1:15pm YR-5, 1:30pm Y6
20th July	INSET day
21st July	Occasional day