

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearly at the end of a very busy Spring term. I have looked back through the diary to reflect on everything that has happened and, in addition to the day-to-day lessons and routines, I have counted 35 sports fixtures, 6 tournaments, 33 extra-curricular clubs, 6 class trips (Hertfordshire Zoo, Tate Modern, Luton Gurdwara, St Albans Cathedral, Clarence Park, RAF Museum), 3 parent workshops (Maths, ADHD and OPAL), 3 concerts, 4 sharing assemblies and 2 whole school theme days (Safer Internet Day and World Book Day). What an amazing list for only a 12 week term! No wonder everyone is feeling tired! I would like to thank our incredible staff team for always working so hard to provide so many experiences and opportunities to the children beyond our standard curriculum, and also thank our parent body for their unwavering support to make everything possible because we couldn't do it without you!

### **Maths tuition videos**

Following on from her very successful Maths parent workshops, Mrs Bland has made some short video tutorials that cover a range of calculation strategies. The videos are available on the [maths area of our website](#) and we hope you find them useful to support your child with their maths learning.

### **PTA preloved uniform sale**

The PTA will be holding a preloved uniform sale in the playground on Monday 31st March between 3.15 and 3.45pm. With the warmer weather hopefully making more of an appearance, it will be a good chance to stock up on summer uniform while being sustainable as there are plenty of summer dresses, playsuits, shorts and skirts in stock.

### **School uniform**

Staying on the topic of uniform, we have noticed that some children are wearing big black boots or trainers to school. Please could you use the Easter holidays to check your child's shoes and get hold of some black school shoes if you need to. In case you are not aware, you can donate/buy school shoes and PE plimsolls in good condition from the PTA shop too. The sizes that are available are on their shop [website](#).

### **OPAL launch**

Thank you so much for all the donations we have received so far. We are looking forward to launching our new playground and OPAL approach to play when we return after the holidays. The children will be going outside to play in all weathers, so please ensure your child has a coat in school for the wetter or colder days. We also suggest welly boots or a change of socks for playing out in the rain. These can be brought to school and kept in the cloakrooms, or just brought in on the days that they are needed. We welcome donations of wellies and coats that your child has grown out of so that we have a stock of spares that children can use if needed.

### **Attendance**

We are ending the Spring term with 96.5% whole school attendance. Thank you for your support with not booking holidays or routine appointments during term time.

### **End of term arrangements**

We finish school next Friday at 1.30pm for the Easter holidays. Please note that there is no after school club on this day. All extra-curricular clubs have also now finished. The first day of the Summer term is an Inset day, so the school reopens to the children on 23rd April.

I hope you have a good weekend and “Eid Mubarak” to everyone who is celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr on Sunday and Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

### **Diary dates**

2nd April	Choir and orchestra performing in concert at Alban Arena 7.00pm
3rd April	PTA Phase 1 Disco 3.30-4.30pm
4th April	Year 5 Spring Concert 9.00am in the theatre
4th April	End of term 1.30pm
7th April	School holidays until 21st April

### **Summer term**

22nd April	INSET day
23rd April	First day of summer term
23rd April	OPAL Launch Day
25th April	Year 6 parent meeting - SATS arrangements and emotional wellbeing talk
5th May	May Bank Holiday
6th May	Year 3 visit to Verulamium
9th May	Sky class sharing assembly 9am in the theatre
12th May	Year 6 SATS week
16th May	Aqua Class sharing assembly 9am in the theatre
16th May	Year 6 parent meeting 9am in the hall regarding residential trip
20th May	Reception health screening
22nd May	Year 1 trip to Natural History Museum
23rd May	Sports Day

26th May	Half term week
5th June	Year 5 STEM day at Abbots Hill school
6th June	Reserve Sports Day (in case of bad weather)
9th June	Y1 Phonics screening and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check week
9th June	Year 5 K'nex Challenge
11th- 13th June	Year 6 residential trip to Gilwell Park
13th June	Lime Class sharing assembly
18th June	Year 3 ceramics workshop
19th June	Year 3 ceramics workshop
20th June	Apple Class sharing assembly
23rd June	New Reception children stay and play 3.45 - 4.30pm
26th June	Year 5 Victorian Schools Trip
30th June	New Reception children stay and play 3.45 - 4.30pm
4th July	End of year reports published
7th July	Last week of clubs
9th July	Year 2 trip to Hindu Temple
10th July	Transition Day
10th July	Open Evening 5-7pm and Art Exhibition
11th July	Year 6 performance 9.15am in main hall
16th July	Year 6 trip to West End show
22nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:15am
22nd July	End of term Reception - Year 5 1.15pm, Year 6 1.30pm
23rd July	INSET day

### **Sports fixtures**

31st March	Y6 Girls and Y6 B football vs MPL @ Normandy Rd
1st April	Y2 Boys and Y6 A Boys football @ MPL
2nd April	Y3 Girls and Y3 Boys @ MPL
24th April	Y4 Netball tournament @ Samuel Ryder
25th April	Y6 Girls football vs SSAS @ Normandy Rd

30th April	Year 5 B Netball @ St Berndadettes
1st May	Girls football finals @ St Columbas
6th May	Girls football vs Prae Wood @ Normandy Rd
7th May	Year 5 A netball @ St Bernadettes
8th May	Year 4 Netball vs St Bernadettes @ ACS
10th May	Girls 6-a-side tournament @ St Columbas
21st May	B netball vs Killigrew @ ACS
22nd May	Year 5 Boys Summer league @ Samuel Ryder
3rd June	Year 4 Girls Summer league @ Samuel Ryder
4th June	Year 6 Prelims 6-a-side
5th June	Year 5 Girls Summer league @ Samuel Ryder
7th June	Year 6 finals 6-a-side (if qualified from prelims)
10th June	Year 5 Girls Summer league @ Samuel Ryder
11th June	Year 4 Boys Summer league @ Samuel Ryder
18th June	Year 4 Boys Summer league @ Samuel Ryder
19th June	Year 5 Boys Summer league @ Samuel Ryder
1st July	Year 4 Girls Summer league @ Samuel Ryder