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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

Welcome back to school following the Easter break – we hope that you have all had a good holiday. Last week saw the first residential visit of the year take place as Class 6 visited the Kingswood Centre in Colomendy, Wales. The pupils enjoyed a wide-range of activities and challenges throughout the week and did not let the weather dampen their spirits. Many overcame fears and were thrilled when they achieved more than they had expected to. Their visit will feature in the next edition of Tickhill Today.

As I write Year 4 are already en route to Derbyshire on their first residential visit. Thankfully the weather forecast is much brighter than last week. Year 5 are preparing for their forthcoming visit to Northumberland, which is in May.

E-safety Parents Meeting – Wednesday 2nd May 2018 – 6pm

Following our survey at Open Evening we were very happy to find that the vast majority of parents were confident that they were aware of the issues related to e-safety and that they regularly monitored their child's use of technology, the internet and social media. Some parents did indicate that they would like to know more about e-safety measures that they could take, especially new devices and platforms as this is something which constantly changes.

School has arranged a meeting on the subject of e-safety led by Lucy Grimes for parents and carers of pupils in all year groups on Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 6pm. The meeting will last for about one hour and Lucy will present information about steps that parents can take to safeguard their children and new and developing technology. Lucy is willing to speak about specific areas of e-safety or digital awareness that are of interest to parents. Please contact school if there is anything specific that you require, so that we can let her know in advance.

Everybody is welcome. Even if you are confident in this area please attend if you can; there is always something new with regards to technology and it would be good for parents who may be more confident to liaise with those less confident and perhaps be able to support others in the future.

Site Security

As you will have noticed our fencing and gates in the KS2 playground were upgraded and an electronic entry system installed over the Easter holidays. Unfortunately a technical hitch delayed their use but we are happy to report that they are now fully operational.

Outside school start and end times the school site will be secured by the magnetic locks on both the pedestrian and car park gates.

The school gate will be open as normal at the beginning of the school day allowing pupils to enter school from 8.45am. Both the pedestrian gates on Common Lane and the car park gates will be closed at 9.00am to secure the site for the day. This allows parents and carers five minutes to leave the school site after doors close at 8.55am. At the end of the school day the gates will be opened at 3.10pm, allowing parents to wait for their children inside the school grounds.

Outside these times anybody wishing to gain entry to the school site (including pupils arriving late) will need to use the green intercom on the keypad outside the gate to speak to the office. There is an intercom system which allows the office staff to speak to and see the person wishing to gain entry before releasing the gate lock.

Very important – latecomers arriving at school after 9.00am will need to use the intercom to gain entry to school. In school we will make all pupils aware of this but it is very important that parents and carers ensure that their child has entered the school building if they are arriving late. Please do not leave pupils outside on Common Lane.



After-school Clubs

At the end of the school day the gates will again be locked at 3.30pm, which allows pupils, parents and carers fifteen minutes to vacate the school site at the end of the school day. The gate will open again at 4.25pm allowing parents and carers to collect children from their after-school clubs at 4.30pm.

Scarecrow Festival

Look out for our scarecrows at the Scarecrow Festival, which is on Saturday 5th May 2018. They will be in our usual spot, opposite the fish and chip shop.

Sun Safety

Now that the weather has taken a turn for the better, we would like to remind parents and carers about sun safety. It is lovely when the sunshine returns after Winter, but even the very first sunshine of the year can be too strong for young children.

Please ensure that all pupils wear clothing that covers their shoulders at all times – no vest tops or strappy tops, please, not even for Games or P.E. lessons.

We encourage pupils to bring a sunhat and a water bottle to school so that they can have access to drinking water even when outside during Games lessons. Please apply day-long sun protection cream at the start of the school day.

Whole School Assessment

May is our main assessment period in school. During this month the statutory tests for Year 2 and Year 6 are administered; all other classes in school will be assessed to assist the class teacher's judgements about attainment and progress for report writing.

For Y6 the testing period is from Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May as all pupils sit their test at the same time. For Y2 the testing period is from Tuesday 1st May to Friday 25th May as pupils take their tests in smaller groups. The Year 1 Phonics Check will take place in the week commencing Monday 11th June 2018.

Throughout the year it is vital that all pupils attend school whenever they are well enough to do so. If you know that your child is going to be absent during the testing period please inform school as soon as possible. If your child becomes ill, please inform school via the school absence line in the normal way on the morning of the first day of absence.

Please find dates for your diary below.

Yours sincerely

Miss Diane Risley

DIARY DATES (correct at time of printing – additions and changes will be notified as soon as possible. Details of each event will follow separately for those involved)

Wed 18 th Apr	8.30am	Y4 residential to Derbyshire departs
	1.30-6.00pm	Y3 Open Evening
Fri 20 th Apr	4.00pm	Y4 residential to Derbyshire returns
Wed 25 th Apr	9.30-12.00pm	Y6 Golden Boot at Edlington Hill Top
	3.15pm	Y5 Residential visit Parents' Meeting
Thurs 26 th Apr	9.00-3.15pm	Y6 Crucial Crew at Hellaby Lifewise Centre
Mon 30 th Apr	5.15pm	Governor's Full Board Meeting
Wed 2 nd May	12.30 – 3.15pm	Y4 Basketball Tournament at Sir Thomas Wharton
	6.00-7.00pm	E-safety Presentation for Parents at Estfeld
Sat 5 th May	All day	Tickhill Scarecrow Festival
Mon 7 th May	All day	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 8 th May		School re-opens at 8.55am
Fri 11 th May	pm	English Touring Opera - Shackleton's Cat (all pupils)
Mon 14 th May		KS2 Statutory Test period begins
Tues 15 th May	8.30am	Y5 residential to Northumberland departs
Thurs 17 th May		KS2 Statutory Test period ends
Fri 18 th May	5.00pm	Y5 residential to Northumberland returns
Sat 19 th May	9.00-12.00pm	Cross Country Tournament at Hill House
Fri 25 th May	3.15pm	School closes for the half term school

Mon 4 th June	All day	SCHOOL CLOSED - STAFF TRAINING
Tues 5 th June	8.55am	School re-opens following half term holiday
Sat 9 th June	All day	Tickhill 1940s Day
Mon 11 th June	am	Phonics Screening Check period begins
Thurs 14 th June	am	NSPCC - Speak Out, Stay Safe Assembly
Fri 15 th June	pm	Phonics Screening Check period ends
Mon 18 th June	5.15pm	Governors Full Board Meeting
Wed 20 th June	12.30-3.00pm	Y5 Rounders Tournament at Estfeld(10 in team)
Mon 25 th June	5.15pm	Governors Finance Committee Meeting
Tues 26 th June	1.30pm	Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports Day
Wed 27 th June	12.30-3.00pm	Y5 Swimming Gala at Edlington Poll (9 boys, 9 girls)
Fri 29 th June	1.15pm	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Sat 7 th July	12.00pm	Tickhill Gala
Fri 13 th July	6.30pm – 9.30pm	Friends of Estfeld Barbecue
Fri 20 th July	3.15pm	School closes for the Summer holidays
Mon 3 rd September	All day	Staff Training Day – school closed to pupils
Tues 4 th Sept	8.55am	School opens for the Autumn term
NB. Dates and times of the school production will follow shortly.		