

Dear Families,

I hope that you all managed to enjoy the Bank Holiday Weekend even though the weather spoilt itself on Monday.

I thought it was time to share some dates. This seems to be something that was once so frequent which we have almost forgotten how to do. Fortunately thanks to the road out of lockdown continuing on track, we can begin to be more confident of our plans for the summer.

For our families with Reception children for September, there is a clear transition plan afoot with dates to stay and play and other more formal transition days. We plan to conduct new starter meetings in person; something we were unable to do this last summer so we are excited!

As previously mentioned we have ideas for visits and/or visitors. In addition to these we are planning Sports' Days, Wednesday 14th July, Warthill in the morning and Sand Hutton in the afternoon. Should it rain it will be the Wednesday the following week although we will try not to cancel. The birthday party of July and August birthdays will be Friday 16th July. We plan to hold Leavers' Assemblies on July 22nd. Warthill pupils in the church at Warthill in the morning and Sand Hutton pupils in the school hall in the afternoon. Details to be arranged nearer the time.

Steel Pans will resume at Sand Hutton after half term on Fridays.

We are welcoming Box 2B Fit to both schools on Wednesday 19th May and hosting a Circus Skills Day for both schools on Wednesday 23rd June. (We haven't forgotten the Young Voices Big Sing and still hope to secure the services of Urban Strides, although nothing is dated as yet!)

Both schools have transition days planned where pupils will visit their new class teacher. These will be school specific and towards the end of term.

The final thing to mention for now is the assessment of pupils. The statutory, published tests, which usually take place in May, have been cancelled this year. This said, staff will be undertaking assessments using past papers for end of Key Stages before the 9th July. This will give a summative attainment score/result for those children. Each teacher will carry these out in their own time and will also carry out assessments of pupils in other year groups. When we started this academic year, there was a suggestion that Year 4 pupils, at Sand Hutton, would have a mid-year transition. Further lockdowns have thrown additional barriers in our way, however, they will join class 3 from July 12th for the final two weeks. This will not interfere with planned Year 6 treats/events but will give them a flavour of Class 3 and prepare them for a flying start in September. As I have already mention there are plans to celebrate Year 6 pupil achievement and send them on their way in style.

I realise that this is a lot of information in one go and we will of course give you updates and details nearer the time. I just wanted you to know that we are looking forward to welcoming our families back into our schools and give you some time to prepare for a couple of the dates, should you need to book time off in advance.

Best and hopeful wishes with fingers tightly crossed

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