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Dates for your diary:

24 - Reading Award Workshop [7-8pm]
25 - Book Day [Stories from around the world]
25 - School Bank
25 - Cake Sale 6JW

June

1 - Coffee Morning
1 - Jubilee Party
4-8 - Half Term
11-15 - Y6 at Red Ridge
15 - School Bank
25 - Olympics Week
28 - New Intake Evening [7-8pm]
30 - Summer Fair [12.30-3.30pm]

July

6 - Coffee Morning and Governors' Day
12 - Open Evening
16 - Y6 Production
17 - Y6 Production
19 - School Olympics [Sports Day!]
24 - Leavers' Disco
25 - School Year Ends

September

3 - INSET [Quality of Teaching]
4 - Children back to school

October

26 - Close for Half term

November

5 - Return to school
15 - INSET Day [Focus TBC]

Truly speaking, children should be at least 13 before joining a social networking site. However, more and more of our children appear to be on Facebook, Twitter or one of a multitude of social networking sites. Whilst providing many benefits, this also potentially lays them open to a variety of dangers.

There are support mechanisms available to help parents to monitor the online activity of their children. One such tool is www.socialshield.com. This is a website that actively monitors a child's activity, posts and friend requests for inappropriate language, bullying, meetings and other such dangers.

Once a key word is spotted, it sends an email alert to the parent who can then check via the socialshield website the activity before talking to the child. There is also a weekly report generated that parents can view at their leisure to see what has been happening.

Currently this is a free service. Although we are not recommending this site outright and in the knowledge that there are other service providers available, we have put a link to it on our Homepage. As well as a link to this site, you will also find links that allow you to report inappropriate or worrying activity and information for helping your child stay safe online. Please have a look so that together we can keep our children as safe as is possible.

Congratulations to our Y6 pupils who have just completed the Level 3 to 5 SATs for this year. We are really impressed and proud of the way that they approached the week and the efforts that they put into their tests. No-one could have asked any more of them and I'm sure that they will have done themselves justice. All of the papers are now winging their way to external markers and we should get the results back in early July ready to pass on to parents and pupils alike.

A smaller number of children will next week complete Level 6 tests. We wish them every success and are confident that they will face the challenge in the same manner as this.

On Monday night, 21st, there is a PTA meeting in the staffroom from 6.30pm. There is much to do in readiness for the Summer Fair, on June 30th, and all support would be gratefully received. As the climbing wall and the Y3/4 playground can attest, these are extremely worthwhile activities that have a direct upon for our children.

Next week is also our reading celebration, culminating in a Reading Events day next Friday. More information can be found on the back of the newsletter.

Have a good weekend!
Mark



Sports Relief

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this excellent cause, whether via sponsorship money, making cakes or walking the extra mile - the final total raised was over £1700. Well done and thank you!

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

On Friday 1st June we will be showing our support for the Diamond Jubilee by throwing a 'street party' in the playground. The children have a choice of either wearing red/white and blue or an outfit from one of the decades of the Jubilee. See letter sent out today with more information.



Reminders

Music Payment is now due for the Summer Term

Box Tops for Schools

Please remember to collect these tokens and put them in the box opposite the library. Thank you

Lost Property

Once again we have a large amount of lost property. This will be donated to charity if it hasn't been claimed by 1 June, so please make sure you come in and have a look as soon as possible.



Stories from around the World Week

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our 'Stories from around the World Day' on **Friday 25th May**. You should have received a timetable outlining the key activities for the day- feel free to join us whenever is convenient and there will be tea and coffee available in the library at morning and afternoon breaks if you would like to join us for two consecutive sessions. Parents are more than welcome to dress up, as well as the children :-)

Also, don't forget the information evening on Thursday 24th May, introducing our 'Really Broad Reading Awards'. These are a series of reading awards that aim to acknowledge and promote the breadth of reading and the specialist reading interests of students in Solihull.

Finally, if you would like to come and read a story to your child's class next week, please contact your child's teacher- we would love to welcome as many parents as possible!

Miss Boon

Olympic Torch Relay

The Olympic Torch is due to pass along Streetsbrook Road on its way from Greece to London on the morning of Sunday, July 1st at around 6.30am.

