

One last time...

Please may we take this opportunity to remind you that term ends on **Wednesday 19th July**. Even though term finishes on a Wednesday, families **should not** book holidays before this date, perhaps thinking that it will be acceptable for their child's holiday to begin on the previous Friday. **All holidays taken early will be reported to the local Authority, and parents may receive a penalty notice.** Sickness absence at the beginning and end of term requires a doctor's certificate.

The end of the school year is a vital time in a pupil's academic and social development. Children are being taught particular skills and curriculum content in preparation for the next year group and transitions are important. Pupils who miss time in these last few days are at a disadvantage at the beginning of the next year group. Not only this, low attendance figures reflect badly on the school and cause significantly more administrative work for the school's leaders and office staff. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

PA news

The PA has had a busy year this year. Before Christmas we installed new lights and sound equipment in the hall and continued with fundraising events throughout the year to raise money for new books and replacement furniture for the classrooms. All the money spent goes on enriching the lives of the children- whether it's major expenditure as mentioned above, or annual events like paying for the Christmas party or the Year 6 end of year treat (this year was a trip to London Zoo). Next year we will also be paying for the fortnightly storytellers who work with the infant classes to develop their confidence and their ability to listen and respond. None of this would be possible without your generosity, not only with money but the time you give to help with cake sales, coffee mornings and other PA events. Thank you.

Of course the PA isn't just about fundraising. It's really important to all of us that we continue to hold social events during the year for parents to get together and enjoy a glass of something bubbly without having to bring their cheque book. We look forward to seeing you at the next one!

Thank you once again for your continued support and I hope you all have a relaxing and peaceful summer.

Alex Yates and Mariko Kondo

Reminder: Leavers' Mass and prefect presentation

At 2pm on Tuesday 18th July, Year 5 and Year 6 will be attending leavers' Mass in the hall. It is a chance for us to give thanks for Year 6 and their time at school, and to wish them well. We can also support Year 5 in their transition to become 'heads of school', and their prefect roles will be announced. Parents of both classes are welcome.

Congratulations Yellow House!



After winning house of the year by a very fine margin, yellow house enjoyed their celebration lunchtime party on the roof on Friday afternoon. They would like to say thank you to all of the other children for wearing yellow mufti to congratulate them, the school council for planning the party and suggesting the games and chocolate fountain, and most of all to the wonderful parents who helped to organise the party for them. Who will win the coveted title next year?

