Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and we welcome you back to an exciting and busy summer term! The children have returned happy, cheerful and eager to learn, which is always lovely to see. The children in Key Stage 1 have both a busy and an important term ahead of them with the Secret Agent Tasks (SATs tests) for our hard-working Year 2 pupils and the Phonics Screening Check for our delightful Year 1 pupils! Wishing them all the best of luck and hoping for some great results! Their hard work and dedication will pay off!

**Year 1 & 2 themes for the Summer term:**
Over the summer term the children in Year 1 and 2 will be studying a range of topics. In Year 1 the topics are: Dinosaurs, Pirates and Summer. In Year 2 the topics are: Great Fire of London, Toys and Habitats. Within these topics, the children will be looking at a range of subjects such as: Science, Geography, Art, History and Music. The children have both a busy and an important term ahead of them!

Year 1 pupils have enjoyed learning about the many different types of Dinosaurs, what they eat and the process of extinction!

In year 2 the children have been finding out about the Great Fire of London (1666) and what life was like in the 17th Century.

**Year 2 Secret Agent Tasks**
The children in Year 2 have already started completing some very important tasks over the last two weeks which will continue until the 17th May. The children have been working very hard in class to perfect the key skills they need in order to demonstrate what they understand in areas of Reading, Maths and Grammar. Thank you for helping your child improve their chances of achieving their very best! Attendance is essential during this crucial time so please inform Mrs Green or the school office of any planned days away!

**Phonic Screening Week (10th- 14th June)**
Children in Year 1 throughout the country will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during the second week in June. Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1 or they have not taken the test before. For advice about the Phonics Screening Check please refer to the phonics letter that was sent out before Easter.

**How Can I Help My Child at Home?**
- Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- Encourage and praise – get them to have a ‘good guess’.
- If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to say each sound in the word from left to right.
- Blend the sounds by pointing to each one, e.g. s-i-ng in sing, b-ee-n in been.
• Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read.

**Read, Read, Read!**
Reading aloud with an adult is important! Even if your child is a fluent reader, having a discussion about the story (for example, the characters' personalities and actions, the 'wow words' used by the author) is a valuable way to develop reading skills.

**Reminders**
*Please send your child to school with a (named) water bottle so they can have plenty of water throughout the day.
*Please provide your child with a named sun hat/sun cream when the weather warms up. Please can we remind you that we do not allow children to bring sunglasses to school due to health and safety reasons.
*Please ensure your child brings in their P.E. kit to school. Please check that your child’s uniform and P.E. kit is all labelled with your child’s name very clearly written. PE days for Year 1 are Monday & Thursday and for Year 2 Wednesday and Thursday.

**Route to Resilience**
This year the children have really enjoyed completing a range of fun activities which have helped to develop their character muscles (perseverance, communication, focus, imagination, cooperation, good listener, brave, going the extra mile, enthusiasm, confidence and happiness). These character muscles will help develop their achievement, social skills and well-being. We will be continuing to develop these skills in the summer term and please look out for a fun activity at our summer fete.

**Trips/Events:**

FS/Year 1 Pirate Trip (Monday 24th June). Pupils are encouraged to come to school dressed as Pirates to enhance the experience. The pupils will be **outside all day**, so please ensure that your child comes to school in boots/wellies, waterproof coat, gloves etc or appropriate clothing if it is hot e.g. sun hat/sun cream.

**Year 2 Trip:** A letter confirming the year 2 trip will be sent out shortly.

**Additional Dates For Your Diary!**
- 2nd May – 17th May – Year 2 SATs
- 17th May – Emily’s Day (wear pink)
- 27th May – 31st May - Half-Term
- W/J 10th June – Year 1 Phonic Screening
- 18th June – FS Induction Parent’s Evening (for those new parents starting in August 2019)
- 20th June – KS1 Sports Day 9.30am TBC
- 29th June – Summer Fete
- 2nd July- End of Year Reports to parents
- 4th July – Transition Day (children spend the morning in their new class)
- 4th July- Parent open evening (meet your child’s new teacher)
8th July – Governor’s Awards (Year 2 & 6)
10th July – Year 2 swimming induction
10th July – School Disco
12th July – Toy Day (end of term)

We are looking forward to another fun term and plenty of excellent progress!

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Harrison & KS1 Team