Dates for the Diary

- **Year 6 Graduation Event: St. Andrew’s Church** - Wednesday 10th July 2pm
- **Summer Production Dress Rehearsal** – Monday 15th July
- **Summer Production** – Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th July
- **Friends End of Term Picnic** – Friday 19th July
- **Y6 Leavers Assembly** – Monday 22nd July 9.15am
- **Open Afternoon** – Monday 22nd July from 1.15pm

Headteacher’s reflections:
We have been experiencing some warmer weather over the past few weeks and we hope that this will continue into the summer break. As the temperatures rise, we are so fortunate to have access to a number of outdoor splash parks as well as the wonderful Jesus Green Lido in which to take a dip to cool down and have fun. It can also be tempting to swim in the other open water areas in Cambridge, like the river or the quarry. I would like to encourage everyone to think about the dangers of swimming in these areas and talk to your children about risks of deep water and river swimming and sea swimming too. There have been a number of tragic incidences recently that have highlighted these dangers and the potential consequences. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents urges parents to search on line for cold water shock, and have a conversation with their children to help keep them safe. The **RNLI website** has a fantastic guide that is very helpful. Spinney children in years 3.4 and 5 have swimming lessons but even strong swimmers need to be aware of the risks.

**Important Safety Notice**
We would like to remind parents that it is important for visitors to be correctly registered with the office and therefore you should not open the school security door for other people. Although you are being polite, it is important to follow this procedure so that all visitors are accounted for. It is also very important that you do not leave the door open so that we can ensure the safety of the children in our school. Many thanks for your understanding and help with this matter.
WhatsApp Groups

The Friends of The Spinney are happy to support each class to set up their own WhatsApp Group. We recognise that What’s App has proved an excellent way to communicate with other parents about education visits, homework and other school events. However, we would like to remind parents and children to use the THINK rules before they post anything on social media.

- T= Is it true?
- H= Is it helpful?
- I = Is it inspiring?
- N= Is it necessary?
- K= Is it kind?

Year 6 Graduation Event: St. Andrew’s Church Cherry Hinton Wednesday 10th July 2pm

Year 6 has been invited to attend a graduation ceremony at Cherry Hinton Baptist Church, High St. on Wednesday 10th July at 2pm. This is a chance for Cherry Hinton to celebrate its Year Six pupils as they leave their primary schools. There will be representatives from the local community and a chance to meet others going on to the same Secondary School. Parents, friends and family are all welcome to attend. We will be walking to the church, leaving school at 1.30pm. We would welcome parents to join their child on the walk to the church and anticipate returning to school for 3.15pm. Those parents wishing to take their child directly from the church will be able to do so, once they have been signed out with Mr. Mawson. Please inform Mr. Mawson if you will be walking to the church with your child.

Summer Production Dress Rehearsal – Monday 15th July

On Monday 15th July, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are going to Netherhall School for a full dress rehearsal performance which will be watched by Foundation, Years 1 and 2. All children will require a packed lunch which will be eaten back at The Spinney at approximately 12.45. All children in years 2, 1 and Foundation and those entitled to free school meals will have a packed lunch provided for them. To avoid waste, please inform us if this is not required. As lunchtime will be later than usual please provide your child with a healthy snack that can be eaten midmorning.

Key stage 2 children should come to school in their costumes with their uniform in a bag so that they can change on return to school.

If there are any volunteers to help walk all of the children to Netherhall in the morning: you are welcome to stay and watch, or you can come back in the afternoon at about 12.05pm for the walk back. If you are able to help, then please see Mr. Mawson or your child’s teacher.

Costume Reminder

It is always more fun if all of the children can be in costume. For years 3, 4 and 5 they need to dress up as Victorians /Edwardians. Old clothes would therefore be a good costume. As the year 5 went on a trip to Colne Valley railway earlier this year- as Victorians- they should hopefully be able to recycle their costumes from the trip.

Y3 will be Edwardians taking an afternoon stroll in the park wearing their Sunday best so slightly smarter clothing and a boater hat, if you have one, would be ideal.
Message from The Friends

We would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s summer fair. We hope that everyone had a lot of fun. We could not have organised the fair without the help of all of our brilliant volunteers. We’d like to thank everyone who volunteered their time, donated a cake or an item for the tombola; or indeed came along and joined in the fun. We raised an amazing amount of money - just over £1800 and we have some great ideas for what to spend the money on, enhancing the learning experience of the children.

Coming up we have the end of year picnic July 19th. We hope to see you all there!

Farewell to Year 6

We have a few events taking place as we begin to say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 pupils. On Monday 22nd July there will be a fantastic traditional leavers’ barbecue for the year 6 staff and children. This is a lovely fun event and we are all very much looking forward to it. Also on Monday 22nd July we will hold our leavers’ assembly at 9.30am after which parents can join year six in a spot the baby competition. We hope you will be able to join us. Consent forms will be sent home shortly. This year The Friends have offered to fund an end of term Y6 Ten Pin Bowling visit for the children to enjoy. This will take place on Tuesday 23rd July

Open Afternoon

I hope you will be able to join us on Monday 22nd July from 1.15pm, as we have an open afternoon in which you can view your child’s work from the past year. It is very affirming for the children when they see how much parents and families take an active interest in their work and learning and it re-enforces the view that school and home, work in partnership together to ensure that children achieve to their full potential.

The National Trust’s 50 things to do before you’re 11¾

The National Trust’s 50 things to do before you’re 11¾ is a fantastic way to Find Your Wild. They have worked closely with children to put together a fantastic list of the best all year round, outdoor things to do before you’re 11 ¼. From setting up a snail race to watching the sunset -maybe one for the autumn when it’s not so late- there are 50 lovely ideas for children and families to do together. Time spent outdoors in nature helps increase children and adults’ wellbeing as well as encouraging us to care for our world and the natural environment. Information about 50 Things can be found here

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs will finish on the following dates;

Mad Science 11th July

Y6 Netball Monday 15th July (no club on 1st July)

KS1 French 15th July

KS2 French 9th July

KS2 Choir Thursday 11th July

KS1 Choir Tuesday 9th July

KS1/KS2 Premier Sports Wednesday 17th July and Thursday 18th July
My Cambridge
As some of you will know, My Cambridge the cultural education partnership for our area was initiated by Mrs Snape and through our school! We are thrilled to say that this partnership now has its very own website! You can also follow on Twitter @MyCambs
You can now find listings of what is happening in Cambridge following the link from the new website or going to the CAN Network Page. Please take a look!

52 Stories
52 Stories takes place every week at Cherry Hinton Library on Saturdays from 10.30am – 11.15am.
If you would like to become a 52 Stories Reader or become a volunteer to help us please come along to Cherry Hinton Library during one of our sessions and talk to one of the 52 Story Team Members. www.52stories.co.uk
www.facebook.com/52stores

Free Family Sports Fest
On Saturday 20th July from 10am to 6pm, Cambridge City Council are being joined by local sports clubs and organisations for a free festival of sport for all ages and abilities. With over 30 activities on offer this event which takes place at North Cambridge Academy promises to be a fun day out. For more information please visit www.cambridge.gov.uk/summerevents

Summer at the Museums: Discover summer adventure on your doorstep.
With a mix of hands-on activities, events and trails, Summer at the Museums offers plenty for families to enjoy throughout the summer holidays.
Families can explore the world of Dinosaurs at Ely Museum, learn more about climate change at the Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology, join the Strong Women circus scientists performance at the Fitzwilliam Museum; or become a Science Detective with a day of activities based across the University of Cambridge Museums.
With more than 140 drop-in and bookable activities to choose from, plus tips and advice about how to get the most out of each visit, families will have everything they need to plan a fun filled summer in Cambridge and its surrounding areas.
Taking place across the local region, Summer at the Museums aims to get you exploring new venues as well as revisiting old favourites in your local area. There will be events to get everyone, no matter what your age, enjoying, exploring and engaging with the collections. For more information visit the Summer at the Museums' website.
Summer Reading Challenge

Children's reading can 'dip' during the summer holidays if they don't have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure. The annual Summer Reading Challenge helps get three quarters of a million children into libraries each year to keep up their reading skills and confidence. The Challenge celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

The theme for 2019 is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

Children taking part in the Challenge will join our super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!

Children can read whatever they like - fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, audio books - just as long as they are borrowed from the library.

Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities.

Finally....

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in last weekend’s summer fair. It was such a beautiful and warm-hearted event with a glorious sense of community! I hope you and your family enjoyed the sunshine, stalls and the activities that were on offer as much as I did! The Friends of the Spinney have done a wonderful job of organising and executing this fabulous event and your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated. Thanks to everyone and a special thanks to Amy and Katie.

With very best wishes,

Rachel Snape

Headteacher

National Leader of Education