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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had a good Spring Holiday and welcome to the Summer term! It has been lovely to see the children back in school and they have really impressed us with their behaviour, especially in assemblies when they have been showing lovely listening and really respectful attitudes - something that they have been working hard on.

National Education Union (NEU) Strike Action Day - May 2nd

I wrote to you yesterday to let you know about the impact of the next NEU day of industrial action which takes place after the bank Holiday weekend on **Tuesday May 2nd**. As I outlined in the letter, a significant number of colleagues will be taking strike action on that day and this will mean that **classes in EYFS and Year 1 will be closed for the day**. Other classes will be open as usual but some classes will be covered by staff from school.

We have worked very hard to keep school fully open on all other strike days to date but it really is not possible on this occasion. I apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause some families. At the moment, there are no further strike days planned by the NEU but I will keep you up to date if further days are announced.

Please look carefully at the diary dates section below at the detail weekly planner for the next few weeks...

Behaviour Approach at Pilgrim - parent and carer meeting invite

As I outlined in a Newsletter earlier in the year, at Pilgrim we have been establishing different approaches to our behaviour support for children, embedding a culture of **Ready, Respectful and Safe** rules across school.

We have introduced 6 Keystone routines which are basic behaviours that we expect everyone to show. Children have been introduced to these key behaviours since January and have worked hard in each class to demonstrate these in action. Staff have been keen to spot children across school doing these behaviours, positively recognising those who are showing these behaviours consistently and constantly - there has been lots to celebrate.

We are in the process of updating our guidelines and policies to reflect the changes and we would like to share our new approaches with parents and carers, explaining the fundamentals of the approach and the intended impact. To that end, we are offering a **Behaviour Information Meeting for all parents and carers on Thursday 11th May**. There is a choice of times to attend (you only need to attend one session - it is the same session repeated):

Early Session: 2.30 - 3.15 pm

Late Session: 5.15 - 6.00 pm

There is no need to book - just come into school via the reception foyer and join us in the Main Hall - tea, coffee and biscuits will be available. We hope to see many of you there.



Cosy Cottage



In Cosy Cottage our topic this term is 'Beach Explorers'. This week we learned about the 7 continents and the 5 oceans, we had a look on the globe where all the continents are and then placed them on our own world map. After that we learned more about the oceans and how important it is to look after them. We learnt a song that helps us remember the different continents and we all also really enjoyed looking at and reading lots of books about our oceans.



LOOKING AHEAD....

Coronation Party Day



We are busy this week learning all about King Charles III in preparation for the King's Coronation. To mark this special occasion, we are holding a **Coronation Party Day on Friday 5th May**. There will be party games, singing and dancing! We are all busy learning The National Anthem and a traditional dance for the party. **All children are invited to wear red, white and blue clothing or dress as a King, Queen, Prince or Princess on Friday 5th May!**

Crown Competition



We are also running a competition to design a crown fit for the royal occasion! Please bring your entry to school on Wednesday 3rd May. On Friday 5th May we will have a parade and announce the winners. Please label entries clearly with name and year group. We look forward to seeing your creations!



Whole School Term Dates for your Diary

04.05.23	School closed for local elections (except for Y6 pupils) - Polling Station
05.05.23	Coronation Celebration - whole school event
05.05.23	Seahorse Class Assembly
09.05.23	Year 4 swimming block starts (3 weeks)
11.05.23	Behaviour Information sessions
12.05.23	Gecko Class Assembly
14.05.23	Half Marathon event on the Hoe
19.05.23	Seastar Class Assembly
29.05.23	HALF TERM
05.06.23	Return to school
05.06.23	Year 6 swimming block starts
09.06.23	Lion Class Assembly
07-09.06.23	Year 4 Residential experience (1 night)
w/c 12.06.23	School Grounds Week and Year 6 Residential experiences
03.07.23	EYFS Sports Day
04.07.23	KS1 Sports Day
05.07.23	School Photographer - Class Photos
06.07.23	KS2 Sports Day
14.07.23	Summer Fayre
25.07.23	End of Term for children - last day of school



Look out for further dates in our next Newsletter....

This term - the next few weeks in detail

Due to numerous bank Holidays and a Polling Day, the coming weeks are quite interrupted so I thought it would be useful to share this more detailed overview of the school opening/closing times with all the information in one place:

Date		School status	Other activities in school
Mon 1 st May		BANK HOLIDAY - CLOSED	
Tues 2 nd May		NEU strike day – OPEN for Year 2-6 and Cosy Cottage Pupils only	EYFS and Year 1 classes closed due to strike action
Wed 3 rd May		OPEN AS USUAL	
Thurs 4 th May		POLLING DAY – CLOSED - EXCEPT TO YEAR 6 PUPILS	Year 6 in school only – usual hours & lunch provided
Fri 5 th May		OPEN AS USUAL	King Charles III Coronation celebration – RED, WHITE and BLUE clothing
Mon 8 th May		BANK HOLIDAY – CLOSED	
Tuesday 9 th May		OPEN AS USUAL	-Year 6 SATs testing begins (ends Fri 2 th May) -Year 4 swimming block begins (daily swimming for 3 weeks)
w/c 29 th May - Half Term Holiday			
w/c 5 th June		OPEN AS USUAL – first day back for children is MONDAY 5 th June	

Year 4 Swimming

Our Year 4 children will be undertaking a block of daily swimming lessons next half term during the period from Tuesday 9th May (it's a bank holiday Monday) until Friday 26th May.

Year 6 SATs Testing Week

Our Year 6 children will be undertaking statutory testing tasks between Tuesday 9th and Friday 12th May. It is important that your child is in school every day to complete the tests and there will be no authorised absence in this period. Thank you for your support in this very important week.

Pupils to Celebrate!

Well done to these children who have gained recognition from the adults and the children in school in the last fortnight. Great stuff!

	PAT ON THE BACK	STAR LEARNER
	From 17/04/2023 until 28/04/2023	
Yr 1	Lacey-Rose W / Jubal J / Hannah B	Emil W / Amelia T / Cody J / Jaxon E
Yr 2	Oliver M / Oliver W / Alex S / Travis F	Poppy S / Zhen L / Darcie B / Daiyan H
Yr 3	Richie M / Chioma L / Michael R / Tiwa O	Amelia R / Nyah L / Louise B / Maddakai C
Yr 4	Whole Year / Nicholas E / Michelle E	Mehrad A . Amy-Rose M / Lexi W / Hamza G
Yr 5	Vinnie M / Edlyn H F / Ja's G / Cally L	Emma C / Miley P / Sophia H / Dylan W
Yr 6	Whole Year / Renil L / Sasha W	Mike B / Harry-Joe M / Malak A R / Olesya M



After School Activity Clubs

Our afterschool clubs for the Summer Term are now up and running. However, we still have places available in some of them. Please contact Mrs Johns in the office to enquire about this.

	Activity	Year	Places available?
Monday	Argyle Football Club	1 & 2	
	Cooking Club	1 & 2	
	Creative Crafts	3 & 4	yes
Tuesday	Dance	KS2	
	Athletics	KS1	
	Athletics	KS2	yes
Wednesday	Art	5 & 6	yes
	Basketball	5 & 6	yes
	Cricket	KS2	yes
Thursday	Girls Football	KS2	yes
	Singing and Drama	KS2	
	Tag Rugby	KS2	yes
Friday	Boys Football	KS2	

Attendance

Which classes are attending well? **Dolphins in Year 5** continue to be the best attending class of the year so far BUT for the first time ever, our Year 1 Sea Horses class have been the best attending class in the last 2 weeks. Well done Miss Taylor's children - keep it up!

Pilgrim Primary Attendance (398 pupils)	Attendance School (target 95%+)	Attendance National (Primary schools)	Lateness (pupils arriving after 9.00 am)
Up to w/e 28.04.23	92.5%	93.6%	1.3%
Best class (year to date) 95.4%	Year 5 Dolphins 	Best class (last fortnight) 95.8%	Year 1 Sea Horses 

Please enjoy the weekend and don't forget, it is a Bank Holiday so no school on Monday.



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