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From the Headteacher

Summer term...

SATs

Standard Assessment Tests start for Year two next week. These will be done in small groups and completed by the end of this half-term. SATs week for children in Year Six starts on Monday 14th May. In particular, the children in Year Six have been working especially hard in the lead up to their tests and we're confident that they will give of their very best and get the outcomes that they deserve.

Dinner Money...

The cost of dinner money is going up from Tuesday 8th May. The new cost will be £2.20 per day or £11.00 per week. Please note that all dinner money can be paid on line via Arbor. You will need your login to Arbor and please contact Alice Luxmoore, or SBM, if any parents are having problems logging in.

Letters for Home Office requirements...

We are being inundated with requests for letters from mums and dads who need to comply with Home Office requirements. We are able to complete the letter but parents should understand that these take time and you should allow a week for completion. I am sure you are all aware of how school budgets are becoming increasingly tight and as a consequence we must ask for a £5 fee for these letters, in line with other organisations.

Patience with our team in the office...

Thank you to those mums and dads who show patience and respect to our team in the office. Everyone at Kender is working really hard to support the children and in supporting you to help them. The amount of work that the office team is required to complete is growing all the time and they as quickly and efficiently as they can. Please keep this in mind when you approach the office with requests. Thank you!

Coats, jumpers, t-shirts...

Mums and dads please label these! If children remove their jumpers during warmer weather they find it much easier to locate their tops if you have labelled them really clearly.

Sunny weather...

It looks as if we may have some sunny weather over the next week or so. Hurrah! Children may not need to bring to school jumpers and coats and if the temperature rises it would be a good idea to apply sun cream before they come to school in the morning and send them to school with a sun hat.

We do allow children to bring water bottles to school but they must keep these in designate places in their classrooms. Drinking water is always available in the classrooms and at break/lunchtimes.

Summer Project...The Journey of a Plastic Bag

Next half term all of the children at Kender will be focusing on our yearly summer project.

This year we are looking at two true stories about the impact of plastic on our environment.

Children in Nursery to Year 1 will be reading 'Duffy's Lucky Escape' and Children from Year 2 to Year 6 will be reading 'One Plastic Bag'. These stories will be the stimulus for some cross curricular work. Teachers will plan an exciting range of learning opportunities focusing on active learning: art, dance, music, science, design and technology, poetry, performance, debate and much more. All children will contribute to a whole school art piece made from recycled/reclaimed plastics.

Bank Holiday Weekend...

I hope you all enjoy this long weekend. For once I can confidently predict that the sun will shine!!! School will be closed for children on Monday and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 8th May.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Keith Barr

(Headteacher)

Attendance: please see the figures for last week below:

Attendance: This week: 96% - could still be better please!!

Rec: 96% Yr1: 95% Yr2: 95% Yr3: 97% Yr4: 95% Yr5: 97% **Yr6: 98% - well done Year Six - leading the way!!!**