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Dear Parents and Carers,

During the last week our children in Year 6 completed their end of key stage assessments (SATS) which are externally marked with results anticipated later in July. Teachers will add these results to the end of year report for your information. All the children were brilliant and appeared to try their best in all the papers. We couldn't be prouder and ask you to ensure the children know we recognise they put a lot of effort into their work. Well done Year 6.

Year group 'Curriculum News' Summer Term

The updated versions are being added to the website. All the Curriculum News can be found there along with detailed maps letting you know what is planned to be covered in each term. You will also be receiving curriculum information through Seesaw directly from the teachers. If you'd like any more information, please contact the teachers with your request. I will update you in an additional email sharing the broad content of our Health & Relationships lessons involving "Changing Me" due to be delivered after the holidays.

Art Enrichment



On Friday 13th May, everyone had a creative day during an Art Enrichment Day. In preparation

for the Jubilee Garden Party (next Thursday subject to weather!) children explored who our sovereign is and what has changed over the



last 70 years. Children created portraits and whole class centre pieces that are now displayed in the corridor and hall. Building on the 'River of Hope' associated with the Thames project, our councillors are going to lead our 'Path of Hope' as they decorate stepping stones that can be added to the school garden. The pictures added will show what our children would like to achieve for our world during the next 70 years. You may like to discuss this at home to get their ideas off to a great start.

Wider Personal Development

Many of our trips, visiting speakers and assemblies focus on wider personal development along with our Jigsaw PSHE scheme of work. All children have taken part in the Wider Opportunities music sessions this year and visits to Magna as part of our investment in this area.

On Thursday all the classes took part in the annual workshops on Road Safety. The Road Safety Team were in school delivering very interactive and engaging sessions which gave children time to consider scenarios and how they can keep themselves and others safe whilst out and about. Please take time to discuss the safety lessons discussed to reinforce the importance of safe crossing and safe use of roads.

Following the Year 4 swimming scheme, this term our catch up swimming continues to ensure our upper school children have the opportunity to develop such an important life skill. Many are accessing Bikeability too. Do pop your bikes on the playground near year 3 if it is your designated day.

Also planned this term is open water safety for all and ongoing online safety. Thank you to the parents attending the workshop by Traci Good. Don't forget all our parents have access to the wide range of webinars, videos and leaflets to support you with this area on [www.nationalonline](http://www.nationalonline.com) safety.com.

This is the link to enrol for free if you have not already done so...

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/brockwell-junior-school>

Message from the Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice Team:

The government has published a green paper (discussion document) on the future of the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and alternative provision system. We are putting together a Derbyshire response with the views of parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and or disabilities, evidenced through our survey (link below). Through this link, families will have the opportunity to look at all the information some of which is simplified from the 100+ page Green Paper document.

<https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/consultations/>

Your views are important, many thanks in advance for completing this survey.

Kind regards

The Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice Team

Class Photographs – These took place on Wednesday 18th May.

CURRICULUM DESIGN – Parent Survey

Our curriculum policy is updated as required and is on our website. Each year we seek the views of parents and children regarding... **What KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS and EXPERIENCES do we think our children should have by the time they leave the school?** Your thoughts are always appreciated and will be used alongside our rolling timetable of subject monitoring. This year we have focused on geography, history, science and currently art. Next year the timetable continues with the remaining subjects.

I have included the questions regarding the curriculum alongside our annual parent questionnaire which is used as part of our cycle of self-evaluation and school improvement planning. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey. Please note there are separate surveys for the children to answer with their own views. The responses are very carefully considered and I would ask you to remember that we have moved from pandemic restrictions to the 'Living with Covid' arrangements during this school year. I have not adapted the questions so we have comparable year on year data but I mustn't forget how brilliantly staff have both attended and adapted during the last two years.

When you have a few minutes to spare, please follow this link to complete the survey. Please respond by Friday 10th June.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=dMjjcoVVN0q9lkD3l2aXmE9Eueo4istOqSVj3y-BVBNUNEhNSEpaTINJR01WUE5TRzJETzkzS0FSQy4u>

Charges – School Visits and Trips

Please know we are very aware of the cost of living currently being experienced by all our community. We will consider this as we plan the calendar of events and enrichment opportunities and apply subsidies to reduce the costs of these where we can. We have for example subsidized the costs of the Y6 Holocaust trip to help families at such an expensive time. Please be aware that we ask all who can to pay voluntary contributions for trips etc. regardless of whether the child attracts Pupil Premium funding. We invite any family experiencing hardship or difficulty meeting these costs to get in touch so we can work with you as and when needed. Assuming you give consent for an event or trip, we will always make sure every child is included and that financial matters are no barrier. Please get in touch if you need to.

School Uniform and Mobile / Internet enabled devices / jewellery.

As the summer term continues and hopefully warms up, please may I take this opportunity to ask that you continue to support good standards of presentation for school. Children should not come to school with nail polish or make up on. We also ask that any mobile devices including phones and smart watches are only used if absolutely necessary and if so they are handed in to the office for safekeeping until home time. Please note we do not accept any responsibility for such items. The link to our [uniform is here](#). As the (hopefully) summer weather is experienced and as we head to the end of term, please continue to send children in appropriate school shoes on non-PE days or suitable sandals. Please invest in footwear that will allow your child's feet to breathe and grow. Football

boots are not suitable for school even on PE days. If your child comes on PE days in shorts and T-shirt, please send them in a plain white T-shirt and navy or dark plain shorts. Football kits are not part of our uniform. We've had so many positive comments about how smart and recognisable our children are – at the swimming pool and in town for example – that we'd much appreciate your support to maintain this as the summer continues. Thank you.

Supervision and start / end of the day

We realised many benefits to the allocation of more staff to manage what were 'bubbles' during the pandemic. Occurrences of breach of the behavior code and accidents were very few. As a result, our governors have continued to invest in these levels of supervision during break times and lunchtimes. We notice increasing numbers of children arriving early to play on the field or playgrounds which are NOT supervised before or after school. This includes the trim trail and tyre area. Please arrange for your child to arrive as close to the 8.45am start as possible. If you need your child to routinely come much sooner than this, please know we have a Before School Club which is supervised. Just contact the school office for registration forms. The Trim Trail is suitable for children of Junior ages and is not suitable for infants. It should not be used after school and is not insured after school hours. Thank you for your understanding in these matters.

Jubilee Garden Party – Thursday 26th May

Today the forecast has given 16 degrees and light cloud for Thursday so we're very hopeful that the party will go ahead outside during the afternoon of the school day. Thank you for letting us know if your child is having a school dinner. There will be music, a range of new outdoor games and a celebration dinner. Please do send your child dressed in non-uniform suitable for the event (no heels please) and picnic blankets / games for playing on the blankets are very welcome (no valuable items please). It is sure to be a fantastic afternoon when we'll celebrate a wonderful term and look ahead to a term filled with lots of fun and many exciting jobs.

The last day of school this term is Thursday 26th May. School reopens on Tuesday 7th June.

Best wishes,

Catherine Holmes