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## Parent Council

A new date has been set for the next Parent Council meeting: Tuesday 19th May at 5pm. Please forward any items you would like included on the agenda to your Parent Rep - if you don't have a rep, please email me directly on the headteacher's email.

Some parents have enquired about the Parent Login button on the home page of the school website. This isn't currently in operation but we hope to get it up and running soon. One aspect of the Parent Area is a forum section. I envisage this taking the form of the Parent Council in the future - parents will be able to lodge their questions, add comments and receive replies from school. All contributions to the forums are strictly monitored by our website company and have to be approved by school. There is also scope for class teachers to set up forms and questionnaires for parents and we can set up ways to get feedback from parents at a whole school level.

Watch this space!!

## School Closures next week!

A reminder for all that we will be closed on Monday for May Bank Holiday and as I indicated in School News on 9th January, we will also be closed on Thursday for the General Election. Our apologies for any inconvenience this causes to parents but unfortunately it is out of our control. Some parents have asked why we stay open for local elections but not for the General. The answer to this is that because of the expected higher turn out for the community to vote, more space is needed and the polling booths cannot be accommodated in the staff room. Therefore the hall has to be used which makes it impossible for us to serve school dinners and also puts the children's safety at risk. As this is our ultimate priority, closure to children is our only option. Unfortunately, the closure day falls the week before the Y6 SATs test week. The children have been working extremely hard preparing for their tests and will be sent home with work to do on the Thursday. Please support us in ensuring the tasks are completed

## Early years Waterwall!!

You may remember a request in School News for tubes, funnels and water jugs. You can see the Reception children thoroughly enjoying their Waterwall in the sun last week.



## School Gates

I have recently met with the After School Club staff and concerns were raised about the number of parents who are staying behind at the end of the school day and not leaving the premises. We are finding that parents are allowing children to play on the trim trail as well as using our outdoor tables for picnics. We ask that everyone leaves the school premises immediately after pick up and to note that the gate at the Nursery end of the school will be locked at 3.30pm. It is important that the After School Club can play outside and that the staff can see the children clearly, without being mixed up with children who should have left. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

## Girls' Football

I have been contacted by Cheadle and Gatley Football Club who are very keen to promote the development of girls' football. The sessions take place on Tuesdays at 5pm starting on 5th May. They are run by John Williams Coaches, who of course, we are familiar with here at school. If you are interested, please look at the attached letter for more information.

## Key Dates for the Summer Term

Please find below key dates for this term. These are also on the website calendar. Please look at the website calendar as events which are relevant for your child's class will also be posted here. You will notice that events are colour coded for each of the classes.

Date	Event
11th-15th May	SATs week for Year 6
11th-15th May	Year 1 Phonics screening
Wed 24th June	Sports Day
Fri 10th July	Annual reports to parents
Tues 14th July	Y6 production
Wed 15th July am	Children meet new teachers for September
Wed 15th July 5-7pm	Open Evening
Thurs 16th July 6-8pm	Y6 Prom (in school)
Wed 22nd July 9.30am	Y6 leavers and presentation assembly
Fri 24th July	<u>School Closes at 2pm</u>

Enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday morning at 8.50am.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

