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Dear Parents / Carers

15th May 2015

Congratulations to our Gold Star Children this week who are:

Reception: Jude for his excellent attitude to learning and his increasing care and kindness to others.

Y1: Isabella for a fantastic maths assessment.

Y2: Lucas for becoming more confident when speaking to adults in the class.

Y3: Jack for independently using adverbs to describe waves on the sea- an excellent description.

Y4: Shay for excellent maths work on fractions.

Y5: Ellie for successfully finding the volume of cuboids.

Y6: Luke for a fantastic effort using RM Maths. He has completed more than 5 hours on it at home.

May Festival: will take place tomorrow (Saturday 16th May) on Sedgley Green at 10.30am. Children from Y5 will join children from other schools who will be dancing around the Maypole - a lovely tradition to keep going! Please come and support this event if you can. We appreciate help to carry the Maypole from the old dining room!

Y3 First Holy Communion and Reconciliation: parents are reminded that Father Paul requests that a parent for each child attends on Thursday 21st May after the school Mass. The children will make their First Confession later that day.

Y6 Residential meeting: there will be a meeting in the school hall on Monday (19th May) at 5.30pm for the parents / carers of all the children going on camp in June (we still call this "camp" although no tents are involved!) It is expected that an adult attends for every child. If this is a problem please see Mrs Clews.

Walk to School week: Monday 18th May until Friday 22nd May is "Walk to School" week - as many children have a lengthy journey to school it may not be possible to walk all the way, but please join us on Wednesday 20th May at 8.40am at the bottom of the school drive (on High Holborn) to walk the "final leg".

Big Dig: this had to be cancelled last week due to the rain. There's still loads of work to be done, so we would welcome any help on any Friday afternoon!

Sickness: can I please remind you that if your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea they must remain absent from school for 48 hours after the last "bout". This is in-line with health guidelines.

Holiday in Term Time: it's that time of year when I get asked for permission to take children out of school for a holiday. Please note that from 1st September 2013 the law regarding taking children out of school for a holiday changed. The amendments make clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. This is taken to be a very unusual occasion or something that is unlikely to happen again. So getting a cheap holiday or the opportunity to accompany a grandparent is not considered exceptional. Children that go on holiday without permission are marked as unauthorised and this is recorded on their attendance record and may result in a referral being made to the Education Investigation Team. However, we would much rather you inform us as we would not want children to be asked to deceive their teachers and friends and be unable to share their experiences with them.

Individual Music Tuition: Summer Term monies are now due. £76.50 per child and £101.50 if your child hires the instrument.

Half term holiday: school closes on Friday 22nd May at 3.15pm and reopens on Monday 1st June at 8.55am.

Have a good week.

S. M. Mason