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## Headteacher

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break! It has been wonderful to see all the children back at school, radiating energy and enthusiasm, contributing to a vibrant learning atmosphere once again. One of the highlights of this week for me was witnessing our Year 6 pupils present their assembly on Pope Francis to the rest of the school. The level of research conducted by all the children was commendable, and the presentation was delivered with the utmost respect and thoughtfulness. Catherine from Year 5 did a fantastic job hosting the assembly, and it was a joy to sit back and watch the students take the reins from the headteacher for a change. It truly showcased the remarkable talents and confidence of our young learners.

The other highlight was taking Year 3 and 4 to the Sports Hall in Daventry. Although it happened because the swimming pool was closed and we were unable to get a refund on the bus. It was brilliant having a football and basketball inter-house competition. The children showed great teamwork, great sportsmanship and enjoyed having a full afternoon playing basketball and football in a full size sports hall. The children didn't stop for well over an hour - I was very impressed with their energy and enthusiasm, there certainly were lots of very red faces at the end of the session.

Although this half term is quite short, spanning only four weeks, our pupils will be engaging lots of exciting learning activities.

In the Early Years, both Reception and Nursery are starting the topic of 'People Who Help Us.' This week, they explored the world of dentistry, learning about the important role dentists play in our communities. Next week, we are eagerly anticipating a visit from PCSO Tara Cooksammy, who will share insights about her work in the police service. If you are employed in an industry that contributes to helping our communities, please let us know as we would love to have you come in and speak to the children about your profession.

Years 1 and 2 are delving into history with a focus on castles. They will investigate the lives of the people who inhabited these structures, learn about the kings and queens of England, and explore aspects of medieval life such as jousting, games, banquets, food, and clothing. In writing, students will be honing their story-writing skills by crafting imaginative tales featuring dragons.

Years 3 and 4 will shift their focus to the fascinating topic of 'The English Civil Wars.' They will uncover the fate of King Charles II and examine key events that unfolded in Northamptonshire and battles which happened near Byfield. Additionally, students will soon begin their swimming lessons, provided that Daventry Pool is open again following its closure this week. They will also participate in a whole class samba band, which promises to be a fun, very loud and engaging experience.

Finally, Years 5 and 6 are commencing a Geography unit focused on 'Changing Worlds and Natural Disasters.' They will explore the forces that alter our planet, including both events created by mankind and natural phenomena such as tectonic plates, erosion, and ice ages. This term is particularly busy for Year 6 as they prepare for the upcoming SATs, adding an extra layer of challenge to their learning journey.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. I look forward to an exciting term ahead!

### **School Day – Reminder**

School doors open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. Children should be in school by this time. The school gate locks at 9am. If you arrive late, for any reason, please can you bring your child to the school office where we can ensure they are signed in on the Register. Arrivals after 9am are marked as “late” for the morning session.

### **PTA**

Well it's been a while since we've been in touch but we have been busy in the background organising several events for the rest of the school year.

Coming Up...

### **Saturday 10th May - Village Quiz Night - Delve into the Decades!**

**7pm (7.30pm start), Byfield Village Hall**

Join us for a village quiz night - bar, raffle and bacon rolls available

Teams of 4, £10 per team (pay on the night)

See poster attached.

### **Friday 13th June - Father's Day Pop up Shop - During school**

£3 per gift, pay in advance on Bromcom

Let the children select their own gifts during school. They will then hide them away until Father's Day to complete the surprise!

### **Saturday 21st June - Summer Fete - 12-4pm**

All the usual delights - Stalls, Bar, Raffle, Games, Cafe etc. Come along and have an afternoon of fun!

If you are able to volunteer to help at the fete please let us know. No time is too little, whether helping with set up, on one of the stalls or with clearing up. All help would be gratefully received.

Please also remember to join the 'Byfield School – Parents' Facebook group for regular updates about school and PTA events

### **Music lessons – Guitar Tuesday morning Strings Wednesday morning Keyboard Thursday morning**

*Please ask at the Office if your child is interested in taking up music lessons*

PE EYFS Monday and Forest School Tuesday

PE Horse Chestnut Fri Forest School Wednesday

PE Redwood Tues/Fri

PE Kauri Wed/Fri

**Breakfast Club** – every day from 8am.

**Please note Breakfast Club opens at 8am**

**After School Club** – every day up to 5.30pm. Please note that on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the After School Club will be in the Hall up to 4.30pm and then in the Library. On Fridays it is Film Night so After School Club will be in Redwood Class, next to the office.

**Hotshots Tuesday (before school)**

**Dance Till Dawn – Tuesday (after school)**

### **Dates for the Diary**

**Wednesdays** 30<sup>th</sup> April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> May Redwood Class Swimming

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April** – Samba Drumming starts for Redwood Class (10 weeks, finished 14<sup>th</sup> July 25)

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May** – Village Quiz Night

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May** Year 6s SATS week

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025** – Break up for Half Term

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term Break**

**Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2<sup>nd</sup> July Kauri Class Swimming**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Father’s Day Pop Up Shop**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Cross Country at Woodford Halse School (Years 3,4,5,6)**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Summer Fete**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Kauri Class Residential to London**