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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope you had a lovely Easter break and that your child is refreshed for the exciting term ahead. This newsletter will let you know about some important dates and events going on in school between now and the end of the year.

Trim Trail

We hope to be able to start using the Trim Trail once again soon. We ask that your child has trainers or plimsolls in school if they wish to use the trim trail as these are safer than school shoes.

National Tests Dates

The Year One Phonics Screening will take place the week beginning 11th June 2018.

The Year Two National Curriculum Tests will take place the week beginning 21st May 2018.

The Year Six National curriculum tests will take place the week beginning 14th May 2018.

Attendance in school is important all of the time but particularly important during these weeks.

Year One Phonics Screening

The phonics screening check is a short, simple assessment to make sure that all pupils are able to decode phonics to an appropriate standard by the age of 6. All Year One pupils in maintained schools, academies and free schools must complete the check. The phonics check will help teachers identify the children who need extra help so they can receive the support they need to improve their reading skills. These children will then be able to retake the check in Year Two. The check comprises a list of 40 words and non-words which the child will read one-to-one with a teacher. If you would like any more information about the phonics screen please speak to your child's teacher

Year Two National Curriculum Tests

Children in Year Two will undertake test in reading and maths. These tests are just one part of the teacher assessment that will be reported to you at the end of the year. As the children are so young we do everything we can to ensure the tests do not worry them in any way. If you have any questions about the Year Two tests please speak to your child's teacher [or click on this link](#).

Year Six National Curriculum Tests

The children will undertake their National Curriculum tests soon. They will be tested in reading, grammar, spelling, arithmetic and mathematical reasoning. Your child's results will be shared with you at the end of the summer term. If you have any questions about the Year Six tests please speak to your child's teacher [or click on this link](#).

Playgrounds Before and After School

As you will have noticed, the playgrounds before and after school are very busy. With this in mind please do not let your child use bikes or scooters in the playground and please don't be offended if staff ask your child to stop riding them; it is for the safety of all of our children. Please also note that dogs are not allowed on the playground and should not be near the school entrances. Thank you for your support with this.

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Attendance

Our attendance continues to be good this year; thank you for your support with this. We will award any child (around 200 at present) with a special medal at the end of the year if their attendance is over 97%. I hope to be awarding many of these medals. If your child is not going to be at school for any reason please let us know before 9.30am of the first day of absence.

Swimming

You can now pay for your child's swimming lesson(s) on Wisepay. You have the choice to pay termly or weekly. If you need your child's username/password please see the office staff.

Sun Safety

Hopefully we will have some good weather during the summer term. Can I please remind parents that if the sun is particularly hot you should provide a sunhat and sun cream in a named bottle. Staff cannot apply sun cream to children so it would be useful if this was also applied before the start of the school day.

Class Collective Worship

It is always lovely to invite parents into school to see what their children are learning. With that in mind we would like to invite parents to the upcoming class collective worship, at 9am in the school hall.

25 th April	Kestrels
2 nd May	Harriers
23 rd May	Finches
20 th June	Ospreys
27 th June	Swallows

Summer Term Reading Challenge

Hopefully your child has told you about our summer term reading challenge. [If not please look at the letter here.](#) The challenge is simple; during the summer term your child has to read four times per week for at least 10 minutes at home, record this in their reading diary and then they will receive an invite to a special pool party in the last week of term. We are hoping that all children will attend a pool party!

Reading Volunteers

As I'm sure you are aware, at Market Rasen Church of England Primary School, we place a large importance on regular reading practice. Reading to an adult and discussing books is an extremely important part of learning to read, both at home and at school, and we like to provide as many opportunities as possible for children to do this.

We would like to recruit some more parent, carer and grandparent volunteers to come into school and work with our children across the school, hearing them read and talking about the books. If you could spare an hour or so each week to do this, mainly in the afternoons, we would love to hear from you. You may want to volunteer in your child's class or you might be happy working across the school in different year groups. Please can you see Mrs Allerston if you would like to join us to hear children read at school.

Royal Wedding Celebration

To mark the Royal Wedding we will be holding a special event in school on the afternoon of the 18th May 2018 that we hope parents will be able to join us for. More details will follow but please pencil the date into your diaries.

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Sports Day

Our annual sports day will be held on Thursday 24th May 2018 in the morning for Reception and Key Stage One, and the afternoon for Key Stage Two. If the weather is bad that day our reserve day is Thursday 7th June 2018. We hope you can join us for this event.

Summer Show

Our Summer Show is for children in Years Five and Six this year.

Friday 6 th July	1pm	Festival Hall	Dress Rehearsal
Monday 9 th July	1pm	Festival Hall	
Monday 9 th July	6pm	Festival Hall	

We ask that parents only attend the dress rehearsal when they cannot attend the main shows on Monday 9th July. Tickets will be sent home nearer the event.

Class Photographs

We have a photographer coming in to take class photographs on Monday 21st May 2018.

Leavers' Disco

We will hold our annual Leavers Disco for Key Stage Two children between 6-8pm on Thursday 19th July 2018.

Leavers Services

These seem a long way off at the moment but we wanted to give Year Six parents advance notice for the leavers' services.

Church Service

In this service the children recount and reflect on their time in our school. We welcome all Year Six parents to join us in St Thomas' Church at 9.30am on Monday 18th July 2018.

School Service

Our in school leavers service will be held on Friday 20th July at 9.30am. At this service we present awards, gifts and say goodbye and look forward to the next stage in their educational journey. Again, we welcome all Year Six parents to attend.

I hope your child has a lovely summer term with us. As ever, if you have any queries about any aspect of your child's education please contact me.

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Important Dates for Your Diary Summer Term

25 th April 2018	Kestrels Collective Worship	School 9am
2 nd May	Harriers Collective Worship	School 9am
w.c 14 th May	Key Stage Two SATS	
18 th May	Royal Wedding Celebrations	
w.c 21 st May	Key Stage One SATS	
21 st May	Class Photographs	
23 rd May	Finches Collective Worship	School 9am
24 th May	Sports Day Reception and KS1	9am
24 th May	Sports Day KS2	1pm
25 th May	End of Term 5	
4 th June	Start of Term 6	
7 th June	Sports Day (attempt 2)	
w.c 11 th June	Phonics Screening	
20 th June	Ospreys Collective Worship	
27 th June	Swallows Collective Worship	
6 th July	Year 5/6 Summer Show	1pm Dress Rehearsal
9 th July	Year 5/6 Summer Show	1pm
9 th July	Year 5/6 Summer Show	6pm
18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service	9:30am St Thomas' Church
19 th July	KS2 Leavers Disco	School 6-8pm
20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service	School 9:30am
20 th July	End of Term 6	

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Class Photographs

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Leavers Services

This seems a long time off at the moment but we wanted to give Y6 parents advance notice for the leavers' services. There will be one held in church at 9.30 on Monday 18th July and then the final one in school at 2.00 on Thursday 21st July. We hope you can join us to celebrate your child's time at our school.

I hope your child has a lovely summer term with us. As ever, if you have any queries about any aspect of your child's education please contact me.

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