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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 10th June 2019.

The Year Two National Curriculum Tests will take place the week beginning 20st May 2019.

The Year Six National curriculum tests will take place the week beginning 13th May 2019.

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.

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.

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.

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Sun Safety

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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.

8 th May	Swallows
12 th June	Finches

Lincolnshire Co-op, Market Rasen Rotary and Market Rasen New Life Church

Many thanks to both of these groups for supporting us to improve our school environments. Market Rasen Rotary kindly made some new planters for the Mill Road playground and Lincolnshire Co-op gave up two days to help renovate our pond. We are hoping that every child will be able to do some pond dipping later in the term! Finally thank you to the Market Rasen New Life Church who have kindly donated £300 which we expect to spend on the pond area. It is wonderful that our local community supports us so well.

Reading Volunteers

As I'm sure you are aware, at Market Rasen Church of England Primary School, we place 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.

Family Event

Each year we try to hold a family event. Please keep the afternoon of the 21st June available for this. More details will follow.

Sports Day

Our annual sports day will be held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 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 Wednesday 5th June 2019. We hope you can join us for this event.

Bikeability for Year 5 and 6

If you have registered for your child to take part in Bikeability, please make sure they have their bike and helmet in school on Monday 8th July. Their bike can be kept securely in school during this week.

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Summer Show

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

Wednesday 3rd July	2pm	Festival Hall	Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 4 th July	2pm	Festival Hall	
Thursday 4 th July	6pm	Festival Hall	

We ask that parents only attend the dress rehearsal if they cannot attend the main shows on Thursday 4th July. Tickets will be sent home nearer the event.

Class Photographs

We have a photographer coming in to take class photographs on Monday 10th June 2019.

Leavers' Disco

We will hold our annual leavers Disco for Key Stage Two children between 6-8pm on Monday 15th July 2019. More details regarding the event will come out nearer to the time.

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 at St Thomas' Church at 9.30am on Wednesday 17th July 2019.

School Service

Our in school leavers service will be held on Friday 19th 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.

Yours sincerely

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Important Dates for Your Diary

Summer Term

23 rd April	Start of Term 5	
6 th May	Bank Holiday	
8 th May	Swallows Class Collective Worship	9.00 School
w/b 13 th May	Key Stage Two National Curriculum Tests	
w/b 20 th May	Key Stage One National Curriculum Tests	
22 nd May	Sports Day Attempt 1	(KS1 AM/ KS2 PM)
24 th May	End of Term 5	
5 th June	Sports Day Attempt 2	(KS1 AM/KS2 PM)
w/b 10 th June	Year One Phonics Screen	
12 th June	Finches Class Collective Worship	9.00 School
14 th June	Y5/6 Trip to London Science Museum	
21 st June	Summer Family event	PM
25 th June	Author Maz Evans Visiting KS2	
26 th June	Music Evening	
27 th June	Reception 2019 Induction	6.00 School
28 th June	School Fair	After School
3 rd July	Y5/6 Show Dress Rehearsal	2.00 Festival Hall
4 th July	Y5/6 Show	2.00 Festival Hall
4 th July	Y5/6 Show	6.00 Festival Hall
w/b 8 th July	Year 5/6 Bikeability	
12 th July	End of Year Reports	
15 th July	KS2 Leavers Party	6.00-8.00
17 th July	Leavers Service Church	St Thomas 9.30
18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Trip	
19 th July	Leavers Service School	School 9.30
19 th July	End of Term 6	

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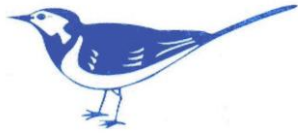
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Class Photographs

We have a Wrates photographer coming in to take class photographs on Tuesday 24th May from 9.15am. Could we please kindly ask you to ensure your child is in school promptly and comes to school in full school uniform.

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.

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