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Dear Parents/Carers,

Hot Weather Forecast

You will no doubt have seen that the weather forecast for Monday and Tuesday of next week is predicting very hot weather.

As you will know, during heatwaves it's important that everyone stays safe and makes sure they drink plenty of water and avoids being exposed to the sun for too long – this is especially important for children.

We don't expect to close the school, but we will take steps to adapt what we do to make sure children and staff are safe and remain as comfortable as possible.

Children should wear loose, light-coloured clothing (uniform where possible, but not essential) to help keep cool and sunhats with wide brims and should stay in the shade as much as possible.

Children will be expected to wear a hat if they go outside on Monday or Tuesday. We do have plenty of hats in school but children often prefer to wear their own. Sunscreen should be used to protect skin. We will restrict exposure to the sun and keep the children under the shade of the trees, if we go outside. We will encourage children to drink plenty of water and to replenish their water bottles with fresh, cool water regularly. Children will not be engaging in vigorous physical activity during very hot weather.

This will also apply to our family picnic. On arrival, parents should find a spot under the shade of the trees, to eat their picnic. Children will be brought out with their lunch, a year group at a time, to join families. It is unlikely that they will stay outside for the full lunch hour but we will assess the situation on the day.

You may find this advice from the Department for Health and Social Care helpful.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england/beat-the-heat-staying-safe-in-hot-weather>

Family 'Picnic'

Just a reminder of our amended plan for the Family Picnic

On Monday, Karen will change the menu slightly to provide 'finger food' options. See choices below:

Day	Main Course		Dessert
Monday	Option 1	Burger in a bun with chipped potatoes and veg sticks	Homemade cookie or fresh fruit
	Option 2	Ham sandwich with chipped potatoes and veg sticks	
	Option 3	Cheese sandwich with chipped potatoes and veg sticks	
	Option 4	Egg mayo sandwich with chipped potatoes and veg sticks	

KS2 meals can be paid for (where applicable) via Parentpay or by sending cash to the school office

The children will be brought in to the dining hall, a year group at a time, to be served their food and will then bring their lunch outside to eat, picnic style. Families are welcome to join us but would need to bring their own picnics. The KS2 gates will be opened at 11:45am for parents.

Important information for the EYFS/KS1 Trip to Robin Hood's Bay

EYFS and KS1 parents will now be aware that we have taken the difficult decision to cancel our trip to Robin Hood's Bay.

The forecast for the coast is currently not as hot as inland, however, the potential risks of managing the heat with 78 young children is a huge responsibility and worry. The safety of our children (and staff) must come first. Given that 3 hours of the day would be spent on a coach and the majority of the time at Robin Hood's Bay was to be spent on the beach, with little shade or shelter for a large group or constant access to fresh cool water, the risk of heat-related illness was just too great. There is also the slim possibility of managing a coach breakdown in the heat! We will arrange for refunds to be made, as soon as possible.



Oscar's Cup

Congratulations to Alkinoos, Hannah and Freya on winning Oscar's Trophy as fastest Y6 sprinters 2021/22.

EYFS/Y1 Balance Bikes

On Wednesday our EYFS and Y1 children enjoyed a balance bike session with an instructor from Pro Ride Coaching! It was a session full of fun, games and challenges to develop coordination and control. Great fun was had by all!

Y5/6 Performance of Porridge



Year 5/6 brought the house down this week in their long-awaited production of 'Porridge'. We were so glad that, after waiting two years, the children were able to perform their original Year 3/4 production. Thank you to all the parents for their support with costumes, props and line-learning, and an enormous well done to the children for their fantastic stage-skills. We know that we will see lots of the Year 5s and 6s on stage again in the future...a talented bunch!

TeenTech in Year 6



Year 6 have enjoyed taking part in the 'TeenTech' Festival in association with York St John University. In groups, they designed an eco-friendly building of the future and then some children were invited to share their models at the university. The TeenTech



event was highly interactive and designed to inspire young people and their teachers about the contemporary world of Science, Engineering and Technology. The event gave the children the opportunity to try their hand at experiments, to handle leading edge technology and, most importantly to spend time with the engineers, technologists and scientists influencing 21st century lives.

Information for Y6

Thursday 21st July. Leavers' Afternoon Tea Party The school will host an outdoor tea party for the Year 6 children to celebrate the end of Primary School. Party/smart clothes can be worn by the children and they can bring in a small plate of food, e.g. cakes, scones, sandwiches to eat during the afternoon.

Friday 22nd July – Shirt Signing

The children can bring felt-tip pens to have a shirt signed by their peers.

Platinum Jubilee Book for Primary Children

This afternoon, your child will bring home a commemorative book for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, commissioned by the Department for Education.

Gadgeteers- Summer Reading Challenge

On Tuesday, Lorraine from Dunnington library visited the children to explain about this summer's reading challenge- 'The Gadgeteers'. Please pop down to library to enrol your child(ren) on the challenge. They can also join the library free of charge, if they haven't already. Happy reading everyone!

School Library/Reading Books

Please check at home for any school reading or library books and return them to class teachers next week.

School Work

Next week, children will be able to bring home some of their school work to share with you. Please send a carrier bag with them on Monday so they have something to transport it home in.

Parentpay balances.

Please could we ask that Parentpay balances are cleared before the end of term, to ensure we can finalise our accounts for year end.

Safeguarding- Five Minute Read for Parents

Please find attached this week's '5-minute read' on Twitch

With very best wishes,



Caroline Hancy

Attachments

- 5 Minute Read on STEAM