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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance & Punctuality

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 was 94.67% this week. This means that we are in the **Amber zone** and we are not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.

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Attendance	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week commencing 12 th May	87.20%	97.00%	93.79%	94.33%	93.00%	100.00%
Summer Half Term 1	90.03%	95.64%	95.51%	93.92%	93.22%	96.70%

Summer Show – Save the Date!

The dates for the much-anticipated summer shows are:

Thursday 3rd July 10am

Thursday 3rd July – 1.30pm

Friday 4th July - 10am

Tickets will be on sale shortly - keep your eyes peeled for further details in the next few weeks.

Sports Day – Provisional Dates

Some provisional dates have been arranged for Sports Day – please note that the dates are subject to change and, as always, are dependent on the weather:

- Monday 7th July AM EYFS
- Monday 7th July PM KS1 Sports Day
- Friday 11th July AM KS2 Sports Day

Arbor Parent Portal

The majority of parents have now registered their accounts for Arbor and are successfully using the system. If you haven't already, we encourage you to do so, as Arbor will be our default parent communication system after half term.

Bookings for after school club and breakfast club for places after half term are now available to book through Arbor. We intend to transfer remaining balances from ParentMail to Arbor on 21st May and then again, if required, after half term. If you require your balance to be transferred before then, please email the school office and this can be actioned.

Payments for Year 5 and Year 6's High Borrans residential are still to be made via Parentmail – please ensure your account is up to date.

If you experience any issues, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Below you will find links to a number of helpful guides for navigating and using the Arbor Parent Portal.

A quick introduction to Arbor for guardians and parents – Arbor Help Centre

Parent Portal and App - Getting started and logging in - Arbor Help Centre

Parent Portal and App - Payments, School Shop, Meals, Clubs and Trips - Arbor Help Centre

Parent Portal and App - Profiles, messages and meetings - Arbor Help Centre

Warmer Weather Reminder

As we are experiencing sunnier weather and warmer temperatures, we want to remind all families to help pupils stay safe and comfortable during the school day.

Please make sure your child comes to school with the following essentials:

- A refillable water bottle Staying hydrated is especially important in warmer weather.
- Sunscreen Apply sunscreen before school to protect your child's skin from harmful UV rays. If you'd like them to reapply during the day, please provide a labelled bottle in their bag, or ensure you have given consent to school sunscreen.
- A sun hat or cap A wide-brimmed hat or baseball cap can help keep your child cool and protect their face from the sun, especially during outdoor playtimes and activities.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dates for the Diary (as always, dates are subject to change!):

w/c 19th May – Sports Week
Wednesday 21st May 9.00am – Awards Assembly
Thursday 22nd May – Reception Stay and Play
Friday 23rd May – Nursery Stay and Play
26th – 20th May – HALF TERM
Monday 2nd June – Pupils return to school after Half Term