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Primary School

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Diary Dates	
May	7 <sup>th</sup> – Y4 Parents multiplication meeting 8 <sup>th</sup> – EIFA coffee afternoon 9 <sup>th</sup> – Y1 Class café 12 <sup>th</sup> – Sawston Fun Run 13 <sup>th</sup> – Y6 SATS week 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Anti-bullying workshop Y6

Another week of term has whizzed by with lots of super learning and challenges. I cannot believe it is now May but am delighted to see that we managed to enjoy some sunny days this week.

#### **Year 4 Parents Multiplication meeting**

The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils registered at state-funded maintained schools, special schools or academies, including free schools, in England. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided. These tests must take place between Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

We are holding a short meeting at 5:00pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May for parents to ask any questions they may have about these tests. Parents are encouraged to attend to raise any concerns they may have. This meeting will take place in the year 4 classroom.

#### **EIFA Coffee Afternoon**

On Wednesday of next week, 8<sup>th</sup> May, our Education Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA), Samantha Stacey, will be in school at 2:30pm. Parents/Carers are invited to come along and meet with her. She is available to discuss any general parenting issues you may have, or to point you in the direction of other agencies who may be able to help you. She can support you with a range of challenges such as sibling rivalry, challenging behaviour or sleeping issues. If you are unable to attend the coffee afternoon, but would like to contact Sam, she can be emailed on [samantha.stacey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:samantha.stacey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

#### **Y1 Class Café**

Miss Graves is looking forward to welcoming Ladybird parents to the hall on Thursday morning next week, 9<sup>th</sup> May. She will be sharing information about teaching reading and phonics.

## **FIPS meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Friends of Icknield Primary School will be meeting on Tuesday 7th May - 7:30pm at the Greyhound pub to discuss further fund-raising events including the summer fete and priorities for this term. Please join the team if you are able to offer any support.

## **Sawston Fun Run**

This week we were visited by Sini from Sawston Fun Run. She reminded us that this year the Fun Run takes place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. This is a super community event which raises large sums of money for local groups and schools. Last year our FIPS team were fortunate to receive a £1000 donation from the Fun Run team. This went towards the new play equipment on the school field. We would encourage children and parents (and staff!) to take part in this wonderful community event. The children will be bringing home flyers this week with information about the event and how to sign up or you can take a look at the website [www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk](http://www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk)

## **SATS week**

Owls class have been working really hard towards the annual SATS week of tests. These are a culmination of their primary school years of learning and their results will be passed to their subsequent secondary schools. During this week the class will have the opportunity to come into school for their breakfast club so that they are prepared for the day ahead. They will end the week with a celebratory pizza party on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. We will be reducing the number of visitors to school during the week and kindly ask that if you are in school to collect or drop off your child or perhaps a packed lunch, that you do so quietly so that the children are not disturbed. Thank you.

## **Year 6 - Anti-bullying workshop**

The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors of Sawston Village College are a group of pupils from years 7-11 who support pupils and promote positive relationships in the school community. As part of their community action campaign, they are delivering friendly, informative workshops to primary schools, to keep young children informed and educated about bullying behaviour and its effects on people. This workshop will contain information about how to spot bullying behaviour, how to be comfortable and brave when reporting bullying or unkind behaviour to trusted adults, and awareness of different types of bullying. We are looking forward to welcoming them to school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May to work with pupils from Owls Class.

## **Absences – new email address**

Could we please remind parents to use the new attendance email address, [attendance@icknieldprimary.org](mailto:attendance@icknieldprimary.org) to inform us of a child's absence to let us know if your child is not going to be in school and why. Parent and carers are required to inform the school if their child is unable to attend on the first day of absence before 9:25am and update us every day of illness after that. Thank you.

## **Trips**

This term is a busy term for trips and staff are planning these for classes. We have been very fortunate to receive grants for some of our school trips from John Huntingdon and donations from FIPS for each class trip. These contributions help to reduce the cost of trips as the most expensive part of a school trip is the coach which costs between £800 and £900 per trip. If parents or carers would like to contribute a further donation when they are paying for their child's trip, this is now possible via MCAS. We appreciate your support with this.

### **Water bottles and sun hats**

This is a reminder that your child should have a named water bottle in school every day. This should be filled with water, not squash. As the weather starts to get warmer the children will be encouraged to take regular water breaks and refill their water bottle. Your child will also be expected to wear a sun hat when they are outside during hot weather.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.