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Primary School

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Diary Dates	
May	12 <sup>th</sup> – Sawston Fun Run 13 <sup>th</sup> – Y6 SATS week 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Anti-bullying workshop Y6 24 <sup>th</sup> – Last day of this half-term
June	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Pupils return to school 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Class Photographs

We hope you had a super long bank holiday weekend. We all came back into school on Tuesday feeling very refreshed and ready for learning. Despite it being a short week, we have still managed to fit an awful lot in!

#### **This week:**

We have been delighted to see so many parents in school this week attending various events;

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

It was super to see so many Year 4 parents at the multiplication tables check (MTC) meeting after school on Tuesday. We hope that you found the presentation useful and that your questions were answered fully. The check is statutory for all Year 4 pupils, and it is to determine whether they can recall their times tables fluently. These will take place between Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **EIFA Coffee Afternoon**

On Wednesday afternoon Samantha Stacey was in school. Samantha is our Education Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA), and she was here to meet families who may need her support. If you were unable to attend, but feel that you need help with perhaps sibling rivalry, challenging behaviour or sleeping issues, please feel free to contact her via email at [samantha.stacey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:samantha.stacey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

#### **Y1 Class Café**

The hall was bursting this morning with Year 1 parents. Miss Graves and Miss Walker shared information about teaching reading and phonics. We hope you all enjoyed the presentation, and a nice restful cup of coffee. Well done to all the children who remained so focused during their phonics lesson while all the parent were watching! The presentation will be added to class dojo and further reading information regarding Year 1 appropriate reading books will be also provided. Thank you for your feedback and continued support with your child's reading.

## Sawston Fun Run

It's Sawston Fun Run on Sunday this week, 12<sup>th</sup> May. We hope that many of you have signed up to take part in either the short or the longer, more challenging events. Sawston will be full of runners and walkers alike, some wearing fancy dress, some wearing a simple sports kit. A team of Icknield staff have signed up to take part – we look forward to seeing you all there!

For 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)

**Next week;**

## 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.

## FIPS Polytunnel

The polytunnel is 'growing' rapidly. Mr McGregor and the team from FIPS have installed wooden benches, a water sprayer and even a back door. **Mrs Seymour and Mrs Flaherty have busy plans afoot about which classes can grow which plants. If you would like to donate seeds or old plant pots, please hand them into the school office.**



## 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.

## 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.