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Dear Parents/Guardians

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Welcome back! I hope you all had a peaceful Easter.

Attendance 21st – 24th March

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
EY Camber	75.5	0.0	24.5	0.0	100.0	75.5
EY Windsor	88.0	0.0	10.9	1.0	100.0	88.0
Year 1 Arundel	98.8	0.0	1.3	0.0	100.0	98.8
Year 1 Bodiam	92.9	0.0	6.0	1.2	100.0	92.9
Y2 Leeds	96.5	0.0	3.5	0.0	100.0	96.5
Y2 Pevensey	85.6	0.0	14.4	0.0	100.0	85.6
Y3 Lewes	92.0	0.0	8.0	0.0	100.0	92.0
Y4 Dover	88.6	0.0	11.4	0.0	100.0	88.6
Y5 Hever	95.2	0.0	3.8	1.0	100.0	95.2
Y6 Rochester	96.1	0.0	1.7	2.2	100.0	96.1
Totals	90.8	0.0	8.6	0.6	100.0	90.8

As you can see from the figures sickness struck at the end of last term, chicken pox and a virus which caused children to have a high temperature being particularly virulent. Hopefully all the children have come back fighting after their Easter break ☺

Well done to Year 1 - Arundel who topped the table.

Class Letters

The teachers will be sending out class information very soon if they haven't already done so.

Dates for your calendar

Please find below reminders on new items arranged so far. Please put them on your noticeboard, there may be more as we go!

April

Thursday 14th Y3 Class Assembly

Y3 Tri-golf session

Friday 15th YR, 1,2,3 Lambing session with Farmer John (if you haven't paid, please do!)



Tuesday 19 th	Y6 Safety in Action
Thursday 21 st	Cross Country
Friday 22 nd	Football Match
Saturday 23 rd	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 25 th	Football Match
Thursday 28 th	Class Photographs and individual for Y6 only

May

Thursday 5 th	Y1 Hargate Forest
Monday 9 th	Y6 SATS week
Saturday 14 th	Football Tournament
Sunday 15 th	sm@sch
Monday 23 rd	Y5 PESE/SRE meeting @ 3.30 pm – see details below
Tuesday 24 th	Shoeday Tuesday – more details to follow
Friday 29 th	Last day of term

June

Monday 6 th	Term 6 starts
Monday 13 th	Y6 to Carroty Wood
Tuesday 28 th	Y5 SKA Interactive Day – more details to follow
Thursday 30 th	EY Assembly

July

Wednesday 13 th	Sports Day (EY/KS1 am KS2 pm) – more details to follow
Thursday 14 th	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 20 th	Y6 Leavers assembly at church – more details to follow
Thursday 21 st	Last day of term

Term Dates Academic Year 2016/17

Please find attached term dates for the next academic year, the current staff development/inset days are as follows but this may be subject to change:

Monday 5 th September
Monday 17 th October
Tuesday 3 rd January
Tuesday 18 th April
Friday 21 st July

Parents of Year 5 children – PESE Meeting

PESE (Procedure for Entry into Secondary Education) 2017

Parents of Year 5 will be able to attend a PESE briefing/update session with me in the Year 5 classroom on Monday 23rd May at 3.30pm. Kent County Council will soon be releasing details on the co-ordinated scheme for 2017 entry to secondary schools on their website and this will include some important information and dates about registration for the Kent Selection tests, the application process and school open days. They will be publishing flyers and leaflets to give out to parents but they will not be available until the end of May. They have promised me that the information will be delivered to me on the day before our meeting. If you are unable to come to the meeting I will ensure that you have all the necessary information the following day.

If there is anything at all that you wish to discuss with me or the class teachers before the meeting please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am only able to provide you with information of the PESE process in Kent. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain a place at Skinners Kent Academy, which is the preferred choice of many parents. I would recommend that parents as well as looking at other Kent schools also look at the schools in East Sussex which are excellent and are only an easy bus ride away.

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/findingaschool/process/default.htm>

Followed by Information about the Sex and Relationship Programme

The PESE meeting will be followed by a short presentation by Mr Fenton to provide information about the Sex Education Programme which we plan to deliver to Year 5 pupils this summer. The two meetings together will take about an hour, so we aim to finish by 4.30pm.

Y6 SATS reminder Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May

Year 6 have been working very hard towards their SATs and it is very important that every child in Year 6 is at school during the above week to sit the statutory end of Key Stage SATs in English and Maths. Year 6 parents please put this date in your calendar if you have not already done so, and avoid making medical appointments during this week. Breakfast for all Year 6 children will be available in the hall from 7.45am to 8.20am. Thank you.

Year 6 children will be bringing home a spare copy of Important SATS information which includes the timetable.

Carrot Wood

The final payment for this trip is due by the end of May. Letters will be sent out shortly with more information about the trip.

KS1/Early Years end of day

Please could parents ensure that for their own safety younger siblings do not play on the trim trail outside. Thank you.

School Clubs

Clubs run by school staff will start week commencing 18th April, a new clubs form is attached. Please read the form carefully; some clubs that were running before are no longer being offered so your child will need to be picked up! **Please only return the form if your child is starting a club that they have not attended before.** If they have already been attending a club their name will be transferred to the new club register.

Trampoline Request

If you have one that you're not using then we'd be very grateful to receive it. Thank you

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher