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10th June 2022 – Summer Newsletter #6

Dear Parents,

I hope the first week back has gone smoothly.

Our theme for this half term is 'Changing Me' which is linked to Relationships, Sex and Health Education. You can find all the information about this on our [Curriculum Information](#) page. Before teaching any of the non-statutory sex education aspect you will receive a letter and be able to withdraw your child from this part if you wish.

Reading – Message from Mrs Turner, our Reading Lead

Next Friday, 17th June is a non-uniform day to help us source more library books.

Over the year we have been developing our approach to reading in school. We have developed our early phonics approach through RWI and started to use Accelerated Reader so that we know every child is reading books suitable for them; ensuring they can read the text they bring home as well as understand what they have read. In order to make this happen we have sought funding from companies to buy books to develop our library. Through your continued support we have been able to hold 2 book fairs raising over £1,000 for the school to spend on books. We are very grateful.

As is always the case, new books come out, the children find different authors they want to read books written by and so we are always sourcing new books to keep them inspired. On Friday 17th June we would like to hold a non-uniform day to help raise money to buy some of these books and broaden the range we have. We are therefore asking for the children to come to school in their own clothes and in return to either give a donation for us to buy a book, bring a book from home which is good quality, suitable for children and no longer needed. Another way in which you could support us would be to look on our amazon wish list and buy a book to donate from there. The link can be found below:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref>

If you haven't had a chance to complete our reading survey, here's the link again:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/N3MWGQ3>

Parent Voice Coffee Afternoons

KINDNESS RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY ASPIRATION

I would like to share with you information about school progress this year and some of our early plans for next year. As part of this, I would really like to hear your views and ideas to help with our planning and understanding of how well we are doing our job. Therefore, you are invited to a coffee afternoon in the Woodland Den at 2.15pm on the below days:

- Wednesday 15th June for parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- Wednesday 22nd June for parents of children in Year 3 and Year 4
- Tuesday 28th June for parents of children in Year 5 and Year 6

Vaccination?

If you are considering vaccinating your child from aged 5 upwards, the NHS is hosting an information session. The [webinar](#) will take place on Friday 10 June from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

Reminder: Various Support for Parents and Families

In our 'Wellbeing for Families' page of the website there are two useful pages: '[Support for Families](#)' and '[Resources for Parents](#)'. In the latter you can find all sorts of information to help you do the tricky job of being a parent. In the former you can find all sorts of family activities that take place. Recently added:

- Information about the **Dark Web** to help parents and professionals can be found here: <https://mailchi.mp/eb90d76e5ebc/dark-web-explained?e=e43e6fee94>
- **Free yoga** on Torre Abbey Meadow every Sunday 9.30-10.30am right through until 11th September.
- In Cockington, you can join free mindfulness and **nature walks** every Wednesday from 1.00-2.00pm, running until 15th June.
- Worried about your **finances**? talktous@st-matthias-church.org or phone 01803 214175 – 7.00pm on 7th, 14th or 21st June at St Matthias Church Hall. The free help is for everyone regardless of age, gender, faith or background. For more about the course see <https://capuk.org/i-want-help/cap-money-course/introduction>

Reminder

- Geography Homework Competition – deadline 22.6.22

Have a lovely weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)