



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a short note, to welcome you all back, after what I hope was a happy and restful break.

School closure for the General Election.

We have just received notification that the school will need to be closed to children, on the following date as the school site needs to be used as an election polling station. Please accept our apologies, for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Thursday 8th June 2017 General Elections

Year 6 Easter Booster Sessions for SATs

Thank you to all parents of year 6 children who supported and encouraged their children to attend the above during the first week of the school holidays. I was delighted to see that 48 out of our 58 children were able to attend. Huge thanks to Ms Goodhall, Ms Butac, Mrs Lauder, Ms Francis, Ms Lawlor and Mrs Batchelor for helping me to run these clubs in the holidays. Thanks to Chef Tash for coming in to lay on great lunches for the children. We are so proud of the children who were wonderful and worked really hard. Well done to all!

Defencelab Martial Arts

will be setting up an information stand for parents on Wednesday at the end of the school day, to answer any questions you may have about the clubs they will be running at school in the evenings.

Health, Safety and Well being

Playground Safety Before school

Scooters and Bikes

Thank you to all of you, who ensure that your child dismounts from their scooters or bikes, to walk them safely into the playground. We ask all children to do this, to avoid any mishaps or collisions that could cause unnecessary injury. Sadly, we had a scooter go missing from the playground this week, so I strongly recommend that scooters and bikes are locked to the racks please to avoid any upset.

Football and other ball games before school

Unfortunately, we are not able to allow children to play football or other ball games before school opens at 8.20am, as there is no school staff supervision or first aiders available at this time. This is common practice in schools for reasons of health and safety.

The premises managers are simply doing their job, by enforcing these expectations before school to keep your children safe, so I would be grateful if you would respect their requests to refrain from riding scooters, bikes or playing ball games during this time.

Healthy Schools and Snacks at Break time

All schools are now expected to ensure that children eat healthily in school. We do try to adopt a balanced approach in this respect, hence the once a week treat of chips on a Friday for school lunches. Children may bring a snack for morning play if they wish, but this is limited to fresh fruit or veg (such as cucumber, carrots or cherry tomatoes) only please. This is a great way to help ensure that your child eats the recommended 5 portions of fruit or veg a day. Other items such as cereal bars, pastries, sweets, chocolate or pastries are not permitted, so we would be very grateful if you could ensure that these are not brought in to school.

School Email Communication

On the last day of term and over the Easter holidays, our email facility was migrated from LGFL to Microsoft 365. Although the school email addresses have remained the same, we have been made aware that it is possible that some emails may have gone astray. If you have sent an email during this period and not yet had a response, please may I suggest that you resend it just in case.

I and the Ark Oval team, are looking forward to another happy and successful term ahead.

With best wishes

Ali Silke

Principal

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

PTA meetings for parents

Tues 2nd May 8:30 and 2.45

Summer Fair Saturday 17th June

Election Polling Station Closure

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