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***'Placing learning at the heart of everything we do'***

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### **Where does time go?**

Wow, where does time go, only one week left of Term Five before we enter the final term of the academic year, June and summertime apparently!!!! I hope everyone is enjoying the increased freedom but remaining cautious and following the rules. It's very much been back to business in school with the children engaged in their learning, I think last week's DT Week went down a storm. It's always great to catch up (be it virtually) on Fridays in Celebration Assembly to find out what everyone has been achieving during the week as well as finding out where Spikey will be spending the following week.

### **Bubbles**

Despite the Governments relaxing of lockdown regulations the guidance for schools as yet hasn't really changed, therefore we plan to continue to run with the smaller bubbles until further notice. It is hoped that by keeping everything as tight as we can we help avoid any more school being missed because of bubbles being blown. Should things change come the 21<sup>st</sup> June, I will of course keep you updated.

### **Parents Evening**

I hope you all managed to catch up with your child's class teacher this week, I think there were one or two IT glitches but overall, it all seemed to go quite well. Although not quite the same as a face-to-face chat. The convenience of not having to come out on a wet and windy evening or possibly struggle to find a babysitter must have proved positive, as I can report that attendance was greatly improved. Thank you.

### **Absence**

Please can I take this opportunity to remind everyone that if your child is absent from school, it is a legal requirement for you to contact the school to inform us as to the reason for absence.

### **Holidays**

Again, just a reminder that any leave of absence other than illness will need to be requested on the school request form. This can be downloaded from the school's website, emailed on request, or picked up from the school office. Although I sympathise looking at the rising costs of UK Holidays this summer, I'm caught between the rock and the hard place and will be as usual unable to authorise any absence.

### **Dogs**

Please can I remind you that the school does not allow dogs on site, so no dogs please, either walking or being carried. Thank you.

## **Residential Trips**

It has been amazing to see the uptake for this Year 5/6 Residential in November, I think at the last count I saw 45 names on the list. It's a trip that personally I thoroughly enjoy sharing with the children, its fantastic few days of adventure. Maybe not quite a week all-inclusive on a beach somewhere warm but I'm along with the children already looking forward to our usual chilly, wet Welsh week!!!!

An update with regards to our usual Year 3/4 Residential Trip to Llansteffan. As I reported in the last newsletter, unfortunately this centre has fallen foul to the pandemic, however we have been actively scouting for replacements and it looks like we might have found one, so stay tuned for more information soon.

## **Piano Lessons**

It is a real joy on a Thursday hearing the children tickle those ivory keys, even to my untrained ear I can already start to hear a difference. Keep up the practice Priestley Pianists, it's definitely worth it!

## **Water Bottles**

Please can I remind everyone that the children require their own named water bottle in school that should be only filled with water please, no squash or juice. Thank you.

## **Dates**

**Tuesday 29th June - Year 5 Day at Kingsbury Green Academy**

**Friday 2nd July - TD Day**

**Tuesday 6th July – Year 6 Transition Day at Kingsbury Green Academy**

**Thursday 22nd July 1.00pm - Last day of term**

**Friday 23rd July - TD Day**

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