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Summer Term Newsletter 8
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Dear Parents,

There were over 50 dads, grandads and uncles at our special Father's Day Assembly this morning. Children from each class read messages to their dads and shared a variety of fabulous card designs and the Year 1 children sang to their dads. The whole school also sang a wonderful rendition of 'Lean On Me'. By the end of the assembly, there were many bright, shining eyes amongst the adults.

Year 6 – Springhead Residential

Last week, all twenty-four children in Year 6 took part in the Residential trip to Springhead. We had a great time and the children were fantastic. It was a pleasure to spend the week with them. The children visited Corfe Castle, completed a 9½ mile walk, and took part in a whole range of outdoor activities. We will share some of the children's memories in the next few newsletters. A huge thank you to Mrs Bowry, Mrs Westmacott and Miss Westmacott who accompanied the children.

Year 5 – Hampton Court

Year 5 had a wonderful trip to Hampton Court Palace on Monday as part of their topic on The Tudors. The children were all in awe of the splendour of the palace as summed up with this delightful quote from Caitlyn – "The Great Hall was breathtakingly huge and beautiful. I never knew that such an old place could still be standing and still be so magnificent."

Unauthorised absences

We have recently seen an increase in the number of unauthorised absences. Please remember that no holidays in term time are authorised in line with both our Attendance Policy and Surrey County Council's Policy. In exceptional circumstances, absence may be considered for authorisation but these cases are extremely rare. Surrey County Council can issue penalty fines for unauthorised absences of five days or more. Each parent will be liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who is absent. The Penalty Notice is **£60** per parent per child if paid within 21 days and **£120** per parent, per child if paid after 21 days, but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice will result in you being summoned to appear at the local Magistrate Court. Please be aware that the fine is generated by the local authority and not the school.

INSET Day

We have an INSET day on Monday 19th June. The children can enjoy a long weekend and we expect to see them back in school on **Tuesday 20th June**.

Reception Class Assembly

Next week is a very special assembly as the children in Reception Class perform their first class assembly. We look forward to welcoming many Reception parents to the assembly, which starts at 9:00am.



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Mufti Day

Our Summer Fair is in a couple of weeks and once again we are going to create Summer Fair Hampers. The hampers last year were amazing and I am hoping that you will help us to make them just as brilliant this year. Therefore, next Friday is a Mufti Day and we are asking children to bring in a contribution for their class hamper. Each class has a different theme and there will be a list of suitable items on your child's classroom door. Many thanks for your support.

Online Payments

The school will be moving to a new online system for payments next month. The last day for parents to pay online using the current 'Tucassi' system will be on Friday 30th June. Details regarding the new payment system will be announced in due course.

Swimming

The swimming pool is available for hire seven days a week (outside of school hours) until Sunday 13th August. The cost of hire is as follows:

Small group (max 5 people) - £18 per hour
Party - £27 per hour

Please contact the School Office if you would like to make a booking or download a Hire of School Premises Form from our website at <http://www.stjohnsknaphill.co.uk/about-us/swimming-pool>

Attendance

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
85.22	98.64	97.92	96.63	99.55	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

Our whole school attendance last week was an astounding 99.02%, which is significantly above our whole school target of 95.5%. Seven classes had attendance above our target, however three classes deserve a special mention. Years 4, 5 and 6 all achieved a perfect 100% record for the week and will all receive a £5 voucher.

Punctuality – number of late marks

18 Apr – 21 Apr	24 Apr – 28 Apr	2 May – 5 May	8 May – 12 May	15 May – 19 May	22 May – 26 May	5 June – 9 June
20	27	20	25	21	33	19

A great week for punctuality too, with only 19 lates recorded. Fantastic!

Children's Centre News

Our Summer activities are now available. Some sessions must be booked in advance so please call the centre and speak to a member of staff on 01483 476450 (option 4).

We still have a few places on our trip to Littlehampton on Tuesday 15th August 2017. We will leave the Centre at 9.00am and will return by 5.00pm. The cost will be £5 per person for the coach. To book your place please pop in or give us a call.

Gill, Louisa, Claire and Carol

Yours sincerely,
Miss Sarah May
Head of School