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Hillary Herald

Welcome back to school for the Summer Term.

Refurbishment

We are sorry to say that the planned refurbishment that we had hoped to happen over the Easter break couldn't go ahead. We are awaiting a consultation with the LA to be returned before it can begin. When we have that completed, we'll let you know.

Something that may happen sooner, rather than later, are new entry gates to the premises. Both front and back gates will be being replaced with an automatic system. This will mean that the access into school, to the School Office, the Main Playground and Nursery, will be via a separate pedestrian gate. When shut, the pedestrian gate will be operated by telecom from within the office.

Sun Care

We may not be experiencing high temperatures and sunny days yet, but it won't be long before it kicks in. Summer heat requires a bit of preparation and organisation.

Please **provide children with hats** as this is the key area of the body to protect in heat (name labels please)

The children are rarely out for longer than 20 minutes, but we do want to encourage **good habits with respect to hats and sun cream.**

Teachers generally do not apply sun cream to children so we encourage parents to apply sun cream before school. If there are further medical conditions that you feel we need to know about then do let us know- the safety of the children is of primary importance.

Water bottles should only have water in them- please no sugared drinks. The children do have access to their water bottles throughout the day and each class has a crate of water bottles to go out at playtime.

Please label and name everything: misplaced jumpers are very common now that the weather is warmer.

Mr Safrany

We have some very sad news from Mr Safrany; unfortunately owing to family circumstances, he is having to step down from his duties. He has served the school so well over the last eight years, and this means unfortunately the Choir will not be able to run through the Summer Term as planned. We wish him and his family well.

Archie Dobson's War

We were blown away by our amazing Y5 children's presentation of Archie Dobson's War. Set during the 1st World War they gave us a real understanding of this historical period. The singing, movement and acting were superb in really quite a challenging script. Well done, Y5.

Summit Day Treasure Hunt & School Fair

Summit Day this year, will as usual, be on the last day before the Summer Half Term Holiday- Friday the **24th of May.**

Summit Day is a celebration of the children's achievements on the day closest to when Sir Ed and Tensing reached the summit of Everest.

In the **morning** we would like the children to go on a Treasure Hunt around Worksop, and for this we really need your help, between 9.00 and 10.30 as each class will be going to a different destination. Class Teachers will need to know if you can help us out that day.

This year it will be full smart School Uniform please (we have previously worn red white and blue for the last two years because of the royal celebrations). Plus suitable clothing for whatever the weather has in store for us.

For **lunch** we are going to eat like Sir Edmund and the children will need to have **Packed Lunches** and appropriate clothing for the weather. Because, whatever the weather, we will be eating outside- even if it means soggy sandwiches in the rain. If you need the kitchen to provide a lunch we will be sending a letter out two weeks before so as to order one.

In the afternoon, it will be playground games, cream teas and stalls for our Summer Fair from 1.30 to 3.30 pm.

So, make sure you can organise the time to come in and join in with us and all that is great about being at Sir Edmund Hillary Academy.

Vapes- beware- harmful

We have had several different issues with vapes over the last term that we need you as parents to be working with your children. Because they are seen as less harmful than smoking, people's guards tend to drop, as opposed to children being around matches or lighters.

Several of our older children have told us that they have tried them at home when parents aren't looking.

The very youngest children are seeing them as attractive things.

Our older children are wanting to fit in and look cool and are experiencing a tension around what they know to be right and what they will do to fit in.

Some have even been brought into school.

Nicotine is one of the most addictive substances known and there are reports within the County of very young children becoming hooked from access to adults' vapes.

There are also reports of children being exposed to cannabis type chemicals through vapes. The risks to children's good brain development with both of these substances is phenomenally high.

Please, if children are living around vaping, be really vigilant that they are not within reach or left unattended.

New Classes

Later on this term, we ask the teachers to start looking at class groupings for next year, as we approach the half term holiday. We do always welcome parents input on this. Please inform your class teacher if there is something they need to bear in mind for the class groupings for next year.

Sports Day

This year we are putting in place a week of sporting activities that will culminate in the Sports Day for Parents on Thursday 18th July. If it rains we usually postpone and just do it when we get a chance without, unfortunately, opening to parents.

Power Maths -New Maths Scheme

Since November we have been working with the Trust to look at provision for Mathematics across school. As a result, in the second half of the Summer Term, we will be implementing a new Maths Scheme called Power Maths. It is a very robust system for the children to develop mathematical thinking and builds on the system we have been teaching – called White Rose- but has a clearer lesson design for children to build confidence in the way they learn. The resources for supporting teachers are also much more robust. We will include a review of the materials for you in the Transition Meetings that we will be holding in the Summer Term.

Cycling to School

It is great to see children coming to school on bikes- a reminder though that we have a very strict policy about children wearing helmets, and if they are cycling to school then they **MUST** wear a helmet. We have had some children have very near misses which could have had life changing consequences through head injury. When children come to school without a helmet we will ring you to either provide one by the end of the day or ask you to pick the bike up. We do not let the child ride home on it.

Uniform

We seem to have an outbreak of branded black trainers across school at the moment with NIKE flashes on them. We don't count these as a school shoe, so please make sure children have appropriate plain **unbranded** black footwear for the summer term.

PE- please provide the proper uniform- black shorts- white T-shirt, for PE – again we are getting a lot more branded wear that is not uniform. Earrings- please remember that children need to be self-managing with ear-rings – if children are not able to manage them themselves, they must not be in on a PE day.

Safer Internet Day

The Internet seems to become an ever Wilder Wild West and our children seem to be increasingly at risk. We all need to keep ourselves up to date on how best to make it a positive place for our children and have strategies around the risks. To this end, Miss Anson is organising a day for us to focus on this. More to follow in separate communication- but if there is an area you think we could be focussing on then please let us know.

Diary Dates

These dates are when we currently plan to do certain events within the school calendar and may be subject to change. I attach next year's dates also.

- 3rd May – Safer Internet Day
- 6th May - Bank Holiday
- 13-16th May - Y6 Sats
- 14th May - Y3/4 Performance
- 24th May - Summit Day
- 27th May - Summer Half Term Holiday
- 6th June - Class Photos
- 11-13th June - Y2 Residential Visit
- 1st July – Inset Day
- 18th July -Sports Day
- 29th July - Summer Holiday Starts
- 4th September – Children Return

SEHPS seeks to make any reasonable adjustment for any access needs that you may have. Please inform us if there is any way in which we can better arrange access for you & your family