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Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

It has been a relatively quiet week, not least because our Year 11s are now on Study Leave. It's been lovely to see them when in for exams, which continue until 28th June. For those pupils lucky enough not to have been revising, they have clearly enjoyed their half-term break with many tales of jubilee celebrations and holidays with family. Next, they can look forward to a slightly different week as we embrace our annual Activities Week starting on Monday and Year 10s venture off for two weeks of work experience. We wish them well.

<u>NEW</u> Activities Week

We hope that all of our KS3 pupils are looking forward to their week of excitement, enrichment and new experiences beginning on Monday. Year 7 and Year 8 should wear their normal school uniform all week, including on trip days. Year 9 may wear non-school uniform on their Thorpe Park day only. Pupils have now all been informed via the daily bulletin (Y7) or their school email (Y8 and Y9) where they need to go on Monday morning and which day they will be out on a trip.

Can parents please provide a packed lunch for their child on the day they are out on a trip; pupils in receipt of free school meals will have a packed lunch provided for them. It may also be wise to have a sun hat/lotion with them if we are fortunate enough to have good weather. Safe travels to our Year 9s heading to Scotland and thank you to the staff giving up their time to accompany them. We wish staff and pupils an enjoyable week.

We are planning to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with our very own street party on Wednesday 15th June, during the Activities week. We would like to decorate our tables and under the canopy for a lunch time of music and cake to mark the occasion. If anyone has any bunting or decorations leftover that they are no longer wanting we would really appreciate you sending them in with your child. They can drop this to reception or to Miss Gelder's office on Monday. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

NEW Survey

Thanks for completing the survey. We had 240 replies and lots of helpful feedback. We will share some of the key findings when we have had time to digest all of the information.



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NEW Rainbow Flag Award

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Rainbow Flag Award. This is a national quality assurance framework for schools and colleges focusing on positive LGBT+ inclusion, recognising the hard work of our pastoral teams in support of young people.

NEW FSM Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

The Summer HAF programme is operating from July 25th to 31st August across Cambridgeshire. Eligible pupils, those in receipt of income-related FSM, can attend a participating holiday scheme for up to 64 hours for free. An e-voucher will be issued by the HAF Team on 13th June direct to parents. For more information, go to the <u>HAF Parents</u> <u>webpage</u> where you will also find a <u>guide to redeeming vouchers</u>. A letter for those interested can be found <u>here.</u>

<u>NEW</u> Year 7 and 9 Athletics Tournament

On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 7 and 9's took part in an athletics tournament held at St Bede's. Our girls and boys took completed a range of track and field events against seven other schools. We could not have been prouder of their performance, effort and sportsmanship throughout. The official results have yet to be released, but we are sure our SVC scored highly as we won numerous events for both track and field. Really well done to all who took part and thank you to those who stepped in last minute to perform more than one event. We are looking forward to the Jubilee Cup taking place in two weeks' time!

COMMUNITY Covid-19 Vaccination Bus

There will be a Covid-19 vaccination at Mill Lane Pavilion on the Recreation Ground on 13th June between 11.00 am and 6.00 pm. This is a walk-in service for anybody over 12 years old seeking a 1st, 2nd or 3rd primary dose and boosters for those eligible. Please take a face covering.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Thursday 30th June Induction Evening, Y6
- Friday 1st July Y11 Prom
 - Tuesday 5th July House Prize Giving Evening
- Wednesday 6th July House Prize Giving Evening
- Friday 8th July Outdoor Gig
- Monday 11th July Singers' Concert
- Wednesday 13th -16th 'Sweeney Todd' Production

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Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jonathan Russell