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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the summer term and your child's final term at Fishbourne Primary School! Our eldest fish have a busy few weeks ahead and this letter is intended to ensure that you are fully informed of all that we are up to. Please do note down the important dates and get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Harry Potter

We start the term by entering the magical world of Hogwarts! We will be reading the first book in the series which is a deeply layered narrative with numerous subplots, themes, and wonderful characters! The book invites children to engage with complex issues such as prejudice, loyalty, power, and identity. Our end goal will be to write a collection of short pieces: diary entries, letters and to finish, a creative piece of description writing.

Our hook will be to the Warner Bros Studios on Monday 20th April. Please ensure your child brings plenty of drinks, a packed lunch, and a selection of healthy snacks. While small treats are fine, we ask that snacks are sensible and balanced to help avoid children feeling unwell during the day.

Any child who is likely to suffer with travel sickness must ensure they have provided a change of clothing, a carrier bag and have taken travel sickness medication before they leave. Please collect a form from the school office to complete and give with any medication for the return trip to the office or myself, in a named box with clear instructions for its use. **Can all children wear their leavers hoodie or school jumper, normal school uniform please. We have decided against a visit to the shop as it is so expensive!**

Details for our visit:

Departure: Promptly at 8:40am. **Please can all children be in school for 8:25am.**

Coach to arrive at the studios at 10:40am approximately.

11am our tour to begin.

2:30pm to depart.

ETA back at school 4:30/4:45pm

Please ensure that you have made arrangements for your child to either walk home as normal or be collected. Keep a look out for updated ETA via an email from Arbor.

National Curriculum KS2 Tests

Revision for the Statutory Attainment Tests, administered in May, has started this week. These tests give a measure of your child's attainment at the end of their Primary Education and reflect their knowledge and skills gained in KS2. They provide information to secondary schools about how best to support your child on the next phase of their education into KS3. The tests cover all learning throughout KS2 and so much of our revision will focus on concepts taught in Years 3, 4 and 5.

Your child's homework will consolidate their understanding. **Please do support your child with these tasks. It is also vital to keep up with times tables quizzing and to read daily.**

Dates of Assessments

Please ensure your child is in school for 8:30am where we will have a drink and a light snack each morning.

Monday 11 th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) 45mins and 2 (spelling) 20mins
Tuesday 12 th May	English reading paper 60 mins
Wednesday 13 th May	Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) 30 mins and maths paper 2 (reasoning) 40 mins
Thursday 14 ^h May	Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning) 40mins

Trashion Show – celebrating our geography learning

To celebrate the children's incredible speech writing during the Spring term, we will hold our annual Trashion Show on Thursday 21st May at 9:00am. Parents are warmly invited!

Sculpture

During this one week learning experience, we will become sculpturers! We will explore the work of Pater Anton who taps into the emotions associated with food and using humour and irony to create large-scale versions using different sculpture techniques. Our end goal will be to make a piece of ceramic art.

After half term

Heart to Heart!

This is a science based learning experience. We will gain knowledge to answer our big question: How do an animal's living systems work together to maintain a healthy body? Our learning will start with a hook into learning provided by Chichester College at their science laboratory. Our learning will provide opportunities for scientific enquiry and for carrying out planned experiments. Our end goal will be to create an exhibit to be showcased at the school summer fayre!

The Ancient Maya

This is a fascinating historical learning experience. We will be hooked in with the arrival of a letter and a ball inviting us to take part in the ancient game of Pok a Toc! As we journey through this learning, we will discover where and when the Maya built their civilisation as we develop a range of history skills. We will investigate how they lived, their culture and their legacy. Our end goal will be to write a guide to the Ancient Maya.

A horror writing focus

The Hippos' love horror writing and so we will be using the animation 'Francis' to inspire writing a prequel. Written by novelist & screenwriter Dave Eggars, for the ever-popular radio show This American Life, animated film Francis is the tense tale of the unexplained happenings on a lake in the middle of an Ontario nature reserve. This will be an opportunity for the children to independently showcase all of their KS2 writing skills and for this piece of writing to join the collection of work your child has created this year.

Oliver!

After half term, rehearsals will increase as we prepare for our end of year summer production! Please support your child in learning their lines so that they shine with confidence and pride. Further details will follow about individual rehearsals, which will be planned for before and after school.

PSHCE

What are drugs and how do they impact on our health? In this learning experience we will learn that all medicines are drugs, but not all drugs are medicines. We will discuss vocabulary they may have heard and we discuss peer pressure. We discuss drugs in their widest form and the impacts of them on our health and wellbeing they may have heard and we discuss peer pressure. We discuss drugs in their widest form and the impacts of them on our health and society.

Year 7 Transition

I have started to meet with secondary schools to discuss your child's transition to their next school. You will also receive information from your new school inviting your child to attend key transition events. Please do let me know if you have any questions or concerns about transition arrangements so I can support you.

Bikeability

Your child will take part in Bikeability the week commencing **13th July**. Bikeability cycle training equips children with vital life skills. Pupils not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. After Bikeability, children are better at responding to risk and report increased confidence. As a result, more children cycle to school, which in turn, improves mental health and wellbeing. Bikeability instructors will come to school to deliver the training. A consent form will follow with more details. All children will need to bring a roadworthy cycle.

A roadworthy cycle has:

- Inflated tyres, as hard as an apple
- Two working brakes
- A well-oiled chain
- A saddle and handlebars fixed on tight

If your child does not own a cycle and you are unable to borrow one, please do let us know straight away.

End of Year Arrangements

The annual Year 6 leavers' service, at Chichester Cathedral will be on **Wednesday 24 June at 10.30am**. Parents are warmly invited to attend this special event, which celebrates alongside other children from schools in the dioceses, this important milestone in their lives. It is important that children look super smart, dressed in full school uniform. School jumpers must be worn – not hoodies, and black school shoes – no trainers. This year Fishbourne Primary School have been asked to be the choir which is a lovely role! We therefore need to arrive at the Cathedral for 9:30am that day. We will confirm travel arrangements as soon as possible.

School Leaver's Assembly

This assembly will be an opportunity for our whole school to gather and celebrate our oldest fish leaving our shoal. The children will lead the assembly and you will be invited to attend at 9:15 on the final day of term – **Wednesday 22nd July**.

Celebration

Over the years, parents have organised many different activities to send off the Year 6 children. If you could let me know what you are planning, that would be super so that we can ensure all children are aware of any plans.

With many thanks for your commitment to our school and your child's learning. Here's to a fantastic final term!

With best wishes

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