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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I will include the usual list of dates, which is also on the school website, and give a few updates.

### Sun safety:

It is important during this period of hot weather, to make sure that your children are prepared for the heat, as on some days they could be spending over 2 hours outside. Could you please continue to send your child in with a labelled hat and water bottle and remind them to keep on drinking throughout the day. They can also bring in kite-marked sunglasses. Finally, they should have SPF 50 sun cream applied in the morning before school. For nearly all children, unless they have a health condition or particularly fair skin, this is sufficient. If you choose to send your child in with sun cream, they have to be able to apply it themselves.

### VE Day:

Next **Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> May**, will be the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe and we have some whole-school plans to mark this important anniversary. We will be finding out about VE Day at an age-appropriate level in each class, which could simply be a celebration of peace. There will also be a simple **non-uniform day with children dressed in red, white and blue**. In school on the 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding an assembly in which we sing two whole-school songs and classes will share/reflect on what they have learned, which will be appropriate for all children. This assembly will be an internal school assembly this time.

### My health:

Thank you to everyone who wished me well over the past few weeks and as you can imagine it feels very uncomfortable taking just over 3 weeks of absence from the school that you love and lead as a Headteacher. I think it is appropriate to give an update on my health as I do have a chronic condition. As many of you will know I was very unwell with Covid the last time I contracted it and unfortunately following that bout of Covid, I have been diagnosed with a rare condition which causes me ongoing health issues. It is very unpredictable but when I have a flare-up, my auto-immune system goes into overdrive and attacks parts of my upper-body, causing nerve pain and significant physical injuries such as damaging muscles, nerve damage and it has caused half of diaphragm to become paralysed. The reason for going into detail is because it is an invisible condition and I think that it is useful for the school community to understand that most of the time I will be absolutely fine but at other times I will have flare-ups. I do not usually need to take time-off but am very tired during these flare-ups. Fortunately, I am optimistic and determined and constantly strive to find any small gains!



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### Staffing update:

I will start with some sad news. We have three members of staff leaving, however; they are all leaving for appropriate personal reasons. Mrs. Scarman, a valued Teaching Assistant member of our Early Years team will be leaving tomorrow after 8 years of excellent service. Mrs. Hicks, who joined St Keyna in 2012, almost 13 years ago, is retiring. Mrs. Hicks is a key member of staff and I would like to publicly state that I have always been impressed by her dedication and outstanding practice but the thing that always strikes me is that she knows the children so well and is really focused on helping them to develop. Finally, Mr. Pope is also leaving after almost 10 impressive years at St Keyna. As well as being a very active and child-centred teacher, he has led PE incredibly well and his passion for children's participation in sport has encouraged so many children over the years. I am pleased that he is following his passion and is taking on a coaching franchise for early years children up to 8 year-olds. They will all be missed and we wish them well with their future pursuits. As they are leaving on such good terms, I am hopeful that we may see them at St Keyna again in the future!

### Behaviour update:

Firstly, behaviour across the school continues to be very good, with the children meeting a school behaviour target last term. Also, our Year 6 class are setting a very good example across the school and I am really impressed by the learning culture in their class, which should stand them in good stead for the Y6 SATs.

Following an enquiry from some parents, I thought it would be useful to clarify school policy regarding the reporting of behaviour incidents to parents and child data protection legal requirements. As a school we do discuss behaviour with parents all of the time. However, we would be breaching data protection laws and in some cases equalities laws if we discussed children who are not your children with you. In some instances, it would be appropriate for us to discuss an argument between friends openly with both sets of parents with their consent. However, we would not discuss behaviour in a way that identifies children, especially to a wider audience, such as all of the parents in one class. There are occasionally compelling reasons to share information about a pupil and fortunately we have an external, very knowledgeable Data Protection Officer, who does advise us on whether information can or cannot be shared. Finally, I would like to encourage you to discuss any concerns with class teachers initially and if needed with Mrs. Morris-Boyce, Mr. Eaton or myself.

### Term 5 and 6 dates:

Here are some key dates for the rest of the academic year:

### Term 5 and Term 6 dates:

There are a several important and festive events which I would like to draw your attention:

Date	Event
This term	Individual guitar lessons have now started Nursery and Reception Classes are continuing to visit Keynsham library

22.4	Bristol Together Championships training restarted (this is a cross-school project for a group of Y5 children, which could even lead to a trip to Bordeaux in France)
23.4	Y5 went on a pilgrimage walk to Queen Charlton
28.4	Girls football team quarter-final against Saltford in B&NES cup <b>and very well done to the team as they won 6-1 and are through to the semi-finals!</b>
30.4	Reception Classes picnic at the park
1.5	Y1 and Y2 Maths group for selected Parents' with their child starts
8.5	Girls football tournament <b>Whole school to mark VE day -remember to wear red, white and blue</b>
w/c 12.5	Year 6 SATs week – Y6 children to come to the SATs breakfast café each more before school
16.5	Whole-school Inter-house run
21.5	Class photos FOSK discos after school
22.5	Y2 enrichment day based on the class story book 'Unicorn School'
23.5	<b>End of term 5</b>
Monday 2.6	<b>Start of term 6</b>
3.6	<b>Y1 and Y2 trip to the Wild Place &amp;</b> Y6 Life skills trip
w/c 9.6	Father's Day shop will be open this week Class information for 25/26 to be shared with families 12.6 Y3 trip to Bath City farm
13.6	Y5/6 Quad kids Athletics event
17.6	Sports Day at St. John's Primary Little Gems, Quartz and Amethyst 9.30-10.15 KS1 (Aquamarine and Sapphire) 10.30-11.30

	KS2 (Jade, Topaz, Amber and Ruby) 1:15 -3:00
20.6	Reserve Sports Day at St. John's Primary
23.6	Y4 trip to Shepton Mallet prison
26.6	St Keyna festival of music at 2pm
27.6	FOSK Summer Fair after school
3.7	Move-up day – the children will spend the morning in their new classes Transition day for Wellsway
w/c 14.7	Y6 Leavers assembly – date tbc
17.7	End of year reports to go home
18.7	Whole-school Inter-house run
22.7	Year 6 Leavers assembly at 9:15am End of the academic year – school finishes at 3:15 as usual

Wishing you all a fun Bank Holiday weekend and as always please do contact us if you need to discuss any aspect of school life.

With best wishes,  
Steve Gumm  
(Headteacher)