**Newsletter 7 – May/June 2019**

**Headteacher’s Update**

Here we are, in our final half term of the summer! There is always so much going on in these last few weeks, and lots of opportunities for parents to come in, so we’ve made sure you have all the dates to hand – please see the end of this newsletter for those!

Year 6 impressed us all with their hard work and positive attitudes during their SATs week. They were really grown up and supported each other well in that week. We were also pleased that children in our other year groups were considerate of year 6, and made things easy for them, as well as all the staff who supported and joined Year 6 for their breakfast club. Another thank you goes to you, as the families that have supported them all year. A real team effort - well done to everyone!

Year 5 went on a trip last week and again impressed us with how sensible they were. They went to the Henry Moore Foundation and looked at their sculpture park, and were really inspired by the pieces they saw. They asked so many questions that extra guides came out to explain more to some groups about some of the sculpture they were looking at. Well done year 5!

We hope to see many of you at some of these events – we are hoping to also use these as an opportunity for some parent surveys, as we start to plan our priorities for the next academic year. Your input is important to us, as we work to make the school a better place each year.

**Staff Changes**

At the end of half term we said goodbye to Mrs Welbourne, our Wellbeing mentor and to Mrs Jarvis, one of our middays. We wish them all the best for the future and thank them for their work at the school.

**Classroom Changes**

Our classroom refurbishments are still ongoing, and we are reaching the next two rooms being complete! Tau and Gamma will be moving into those rooms next week, and we hope they enjoy having brand new classrooms! They will still be picked up and dropped off in the same places before and after school.

**Times Table Rockstars**

What a great show of costumes we had for the Times Tables Rockstars Day! The children certainly looked like they were ready to go on stage and or be on the cover of pop magazines! Timestable Rockstars is a new programme that we are using to encourage the children to learn and practise their knowledge of their tables. This makes many areas of maths that they will use quicker and easier!

**Slime Making Workshop**

Thank you to our PTA for running their first Slime Workshop – I know that they were particularly excited about this one! The children had a great day, and so did our volunteers who all remarked on how sensible and polite the children were – well done to everyone!

Our Friends of Monkwick Group are currently raising money for shelter on the playground.

**Summer Term Dates**

**Friday 21st June –** Friends of Monkwick ‘Bring a Tin’ Non Uniform Day

**Tuesday 2nd July** – Year 3 and 4 Sports Day – pm

**Tuesday 2nd July** – Year 6 Transition – St Benedicts

**Wednesday 3rd July** – Year 5 and 6 Sports Day – pm

**Thursday 4th July** – Meet new teachers

**Thursday 4th July** – Year 6 Transition – TLA and Paxman Academy

**Friday 5th July** - Year 6 Transition – TLA

**Tuesday 9th July** – Y6 Afternoon Performance

**Wednesday 10th July** – Y6 Evening Performance

**Thursday 11th July –** Y6 Pi Class Afternoon Tea

**Friday 12th July –** Y6 Omega Class Afternoon Tea

**Monday 15th July** – Y6 Residential Trip, returning Friday 19th July

**Wednesday 17th July** – Open School – 2pm – 5pm, including picking up reports

**Thursday 18th July** – Y4 Showcase Assembly for Parents 2pm

**Friday 19th July** – Y5 Showcase Assembly for Parents 2pm

**Monday 22nd July** – Y3 Showcase Assembly for Parents 2pm

**Tuesday 23rd July** – Y6 Leavers Assembly for Parents 2pm

**Tuesday 23rd July** is the last day of term.

Children return to school on **Tuesday, 3rd September 2019.**

More information about these dates will be sent home nearer the time.