Friday 11th June 2021

Dear Families,

I do hope that you have all enjoyed some of the glorious weather this half-term and have taken the opportunity to spend time outside, thinking about and getting ready for this half-terms Trekking to Tokyo event.

Your walking of at least 1.5 miles has already started and by next Monday you will be able to see which class has walked the furthest after Week 1. I will make sure that the winning classes from each school are featured on our website so please locate the Trekking to Tokyo tab on the home page and you will see the winning class proudly holding the Olympic torch. Staff will also add a photo of their 'winning' class in the Google Classroom for you to see too. The children's aim this first week was to reach Paris and learn some key facts about this wonderful city-do ask your children what they have learned. The children have also been introduced to our BeDifferent Sporting Values which are: enjoyment, honesty, equality, motivation (being charitable), respect, perseverance and collaboration. I can't wait to reveal the total mileage walked after week 1 and hopefully this will motivate many more of you to get those walking shoes on and head to our second destination of Budapest.

Danceathon in support of MacMillan Care

The children are extremely busy learning, rehearsing and perfecting their dance routines, in preparation for this months sponsored Danceathon on **Wednesday 30th June**. Please make sure that you have made your £2.00 donation using Parentpay and we will have some collection buckets at the gate, if giving us the cash is easier for you. Don't forget that this day is a picnic packed lunch day so please either pack a packed lunch for your child or we will provide one for him/her. All photos of the children will be located on our website. Looking forward to this lively event too.

Rapid Recovery has started

Children from Reception to Year 5 have started their 'catch up' Mathematics (phonics for Reception) sessions on a **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**. The Rapid Recovery finishing times are as follows:

Year group	Collection time (Rapid Recovery)	Location
Reception	**3.55 pm**	**Main gate**
Year One	**3.45 pm**	**Main gate**
Year Two	**3.55 pm**	**Acacia gate**
Year Three	**3.35 pm**	**Main gate**
Year Four	**3.45 pm**	**Acacia gate**
Year Five	**3.35 pm**	**Acacia gate**

Planned extension to the school day

From **Monday 21st June 2021** we will be extending the school day for all children with the timings detailed below for your collection arrangements:
The start to our school day will remain the same.
Please note the two different timings-collection times with Rapid recovery and collection times without.

Year group	Collection time (without Rapid Recovery timings)	Collection time with Rapid Recovery timings (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)	Location
Nursery (pm)	**3.00 pm**		**Main gate**
Nursery (am)	**11.45 am**		**Main gate**
Reception	**3.10 pm**	**3.55 pm**	**Main gate**
Year One	**3.00 pm**	**3.45 pm**	**Main gate**
Year Two	**3.10 pm**	**3.55 pm**	**Acacia gate**
Year Three	**2.50 pm**	**3.35 pm**	**Main gate**
Year Four	**3.00 pm**	**3.45 pm**	**Acacia gate**
Year Five	**2.50 pm**	**3.35 pm**	**Acacia gate**
Year Six	**2.45 pm**		**Acacia gate**

The timetabling of our school day will remain very similar this half-term, with greater opportunities for PE, Geography, cross-curricular reading and Personal, Social and Emotional development learning opportunities. We will continue to stream our Mathematics teaching but will reduce the daily amount of mathematical learning from 1 hour and 30 minutes, back to an hour. The additional Rapid Recovery time for identified children will allow for that additional time spent rehearsing much needed mathematical skills. We are very mindful of curriculum overload so we have structured our week accordingly.

Your child will still need to wear their PE kit on their allocated PE day but please make sure that your child has a water bottle daily and that on very warm, sunny days your child has a hat/cap and are smothered in a high factor sun cream. This is something that you **must** apply ahead of the school day starting.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bull
Chief Executive Headteacher

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