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Message from Miss Fendley . . . Considering it has been a short half-term period, we've managed to fill it with lots of fun learning for the children, such as Number Day, which was full of drama with a 'crime scene' in the Library for KS 1 and a 'witch-hunt' for lower KS 2 during World Book Day! Our Yr. 6 pupils have already started to take part in practice **SATs** papers in readiness for the nationwide testing we engage in, as a school, during **May (Monday, 13th to Thursday, 16th)**. Yr. 2 will also take part in national assessments during May, although, this takes a gentler approach over a longer period. We're asking parents and carers to help us during this time by making sure all pupils arrive to school on time and take not unauthorised days off.

In memory of Mr. Foot

We feel there will be quite a large number of our present parents/carers who will likely remember a highly respected former Reffley Headteacher, Mr. Mike Foot. Sadly, Mr. Foot passed away a couple of years ago and his widow, Wendy, has kindly gifted the retirement present he received back to our school. Work colleagues and pupils had presented Mr. Foot with a water colour picture of Reffley school to mark his retirement back in 1995. We are pleased to say that the picture has now found a new home and is hanging on the office wall.

Children's Easter Raffle

Many thanks to all those who took part in our school fundraising Easter raffle by purchasing tickets for the Easter egg draw. We are very pleased to let you all know that we've raised just over £200. The proceeds raised will be used to off-set the costs of special curricular events benefitting the whole school. Each year group had one lucky winner, receiving a large egg. A lucky little boy, from Early Years, was the overall winner, receiving two large eggs, plus an Easter activity hamper.



May Day Dancing - Friday, 24th May at 2.15 p.m.

Strictly Come Dancing has nothing on our Yr. 6 pupils! We're dusting down the Maypole and hoping that the weather will keep fine for our dancers to work their magic with the May Day ribbons. During the celebrations we will also have a regal parade by our Reception 'Royals'. Parents & carers are most welcome to join us outside on the back playground, to cheer on the dancers and parading royals, as long as the weather remains fine and dry.

Sports Day at Reffley Academy - Friday, 21st June

To assist our working parents/carers, we would like to give prior notice of our annual sports day at the end of the summer term. Each class will be involved, and for younger children, it may not necessarily be a full-on competitive race but more of a sports related activity challenge. We will notify you of the running order for the day's events as classes/year groups are usually grouped together.



Transition days for Yr. 6 pupils leaving us in July

We have received information from KLA about a 3-day transition period for our pupils to 'find their feet' and check out the routine at their new destination for September. The **dates for KLA** are

Monday, 1st to Wednesday, 3rd July. KLA is likely to provide individual pupils with a timetable for the transition days but pupils are expected to make their own way to and from KLA and also have with them a fully stocked pencil case plus a PE kit. (At the time of preparing this newsletter, we had not been informed of transition dates by other local High Schools).



Summer Fair on the School Field - Saturday, 13th July (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

This is another little piece of school news that we will be firming up with more information in due course. The summer fair is still in the planning stages but we hope to have stalls and games for all to enjoy! Please save the date and tell friends and extend family that they are very welcome to come along and join in with all the fun.

Work underway at Reffley School

At last the work to create the two new specialist SRB classrooms within school has now begun. This does mean that part of our school site is being used as a base for skips and plant machinery, etc.; all of which is safely contained within a fenced-off area. We are told that the classrooms will be completed by the summer holidays and we anticipate that they will be occupied with pupils as from October.

Lost and unclaimed property

We have a lost property chest in the main school foyer that becomes over-loaded with all manner of items. Please remind your child to look for any lost items of clothing, shoes, lunch boxes, etc., that's likely 'hidden' in lost property. Unclaimed items left in lost property for a while, and are NOT named, will be donated to a local charity shop.

After school sports clubs

Please look out for the link, which will be emailed out and sent to parents/carers via dojo, to book children on to after school sports clubs on Tuesday (football), Wednesday (dodgeball) and Thursday (multi-sports) afternoons.

Hope you all enjoy a fabulous Easter break,

pupils return to school on Monday, 15th April