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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all happy and well? Please would you read the following information some of which contains important dates for the approaching end of term and some for next term?

**Book Amnesty**

Please would you search at home for any school books that might have been forgotten or lost behind the sofa, under the bed, It doesn't matter how long you have had them, you will be greeted with a smile if you return them. There are some books missing and that is not helpful for the next child who needs them so please look and check!

**Book Shop Sale**

Mrs Parry has organised a Book Shop Sale for the children to take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. If parents would like to have a look at the books she has organised a Parent's Book Shop Sale to take place at 2.45 in the school hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Come along and have a look before you collect your child – the books are lovely.

**Children's University**

Congratulations to all of the children who recently graduated at Hope University. If your child would like to graduate next year, he or she needs to attend an after school every week (no absence) as registers are kept.

## **First Holy Communion**

If you would like to buy your child's First Holy Communion photograph please send the money in as soon as possible before the remaining photographs are returned. They are beautiful.

## **30 Hours Child Care**

If you are thinking about applying for child care even if you have not decided please make sure that you register as soon as possible. Once you have registered you will then be provided with a code, you cannot access the free child care offer without the code. If you need any help the staff at Little Treasures will be able to advise you but please do not forget you have to register as soon as possible especially if you want to access it in September.

## **Nursery**

The Nursery will close for the summer on

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Closed on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

All of the Nursery children are welcome to come into Nursery for the whole day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – to be collected at 3 o'clock.

## **Year 6 Parent's Information Meeting** (Currently Year 5)

If your child is going into Year 6 in September, it is a very important year. We have organised a parent's information meeting to take place

on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

at 3.15

in the school hall.

Please attend with your child.

## **Attendance**

Attendance at school is vitally important and we monitor it daily, weekly, monthly and half termly. Most children are excellent attendees and we have a growing number of children who are achieving 100% attendance regularly which is wonderful. However when analysing the data there is one class of children who this year have never achieved 100% - this means that there has not been one day in this school year when every child was in school. This is a real cause for concern and extremely worrying. It is important that all medical and dental appointments are made during the school holidays. If it is unavoidable then please collect your child from school and return your child once he or she has been to the appointment. It is important that every child achieves 100% attendance and with your support they can! Congratulations to all of the children who have received excellent attendance this year.

## **Safety in the sun**

Please make sure that your child is covered in a high protection sun cream before he or she comes to school. The children can wear sunhats and sun glasses. The children are already encouraged to bring bottles of plain still water to school (not frozen). All of the above is to protect your children and keep them safe in the sun.

## **Message from Knowsley Council**

The spirit of the Summer of Love will be captured this summer in two fantastic, free family events at Court Hey Park in Huyton, Knowsley on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Both the Knowsley Flower Show and Feel-good Festival will be harking back to the Summer of '67 with a packed schedule of flower power inspired fun and entertainment. During the weekend visitors can expect the usual blend of good food, music, activities and entertainment at both events.

This year's Feel-good Festival, on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August from 1-5 p.m., is packed with activities, performances and experiences to help improve your health and well being. It's a chance to try mindful yoga, various fitness and sporting activities with Volair and complementary therapies. You can join in with drawing and painting classes or a 'Feeling Funny' workshop with the Comedy Trust, and browse a selection of wellbeing craft stalls. Lush Spa Liverpool will be offering complementary taster treatments and Boots pharmacy will offer health advice and summer makeovers. Children will love entertainment from Zippie and the Bubble Man! Plus you can browse the stalls at the Geraud Farmer's Market in the clearing. Then on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August, you can expect even more flower power at the Knowsley Flower Show from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

As usual, at the show's heart will be the breathtaking floral marquee, bursting with potentially prize-winning fruit, vegetables and flowers. Get growing and you could be entering your pride and joy into one of the 100 categories, suitable for both novices and experienced growers alike. Download the schedule of classes now at [www.knowsleyflowershow.com](http://www.knowsleyflowershow.com) and view the special classes themed around 50 Summers of Love.

Certainly, keen gardeners will love the many plant and seed stalls offering great value, and the chance to get expert tips at the Gardener's Question Time event. As usual there will also be the rich programme of family entertainment, including dog displays in the main arena, Geraud's large farmers' market, circus skills, glitter faces and a health and well being zone plus lots of trade stands.

At both events, children are invited to dress up in 60's or 70's fashion and join in the Summer of Love fancy dress parade around the site at 1 p.m. to get the event off to a fantastic start – and there'll be great prizes on offer for the best costumes. Register now through Knowsley's Children's Centres or call 0151 443 5749 for an entry form. Both events are completely free, and are part of a wider programme of more than 60 Summer of Love events taking place across the City Region this summer. You can find out more about

the other events at <https://www.cultureliverpool.co.uk/summer-of-love> Knowsley Flower Show website at [www.knowlseyflowershow.com](http://www.knowlseyflowershow.com) which gives details of the free shuttle buses in and around Knowsley.

### **The Summer Reading Challenge is now on and this year it's all about *Animal Agents*.**

Children are challenged to crack the code of the graffiti writing and solve the strange case of the missing lunch. They can collect the clues in their detective folder and help the Animal Agents to find out what's really going on behind the scenes! The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to read six books during the summer holidays. It is open to all school aged children and designed for all reading abilities. Research shows that taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge can help children keep up their reading skills during the long summer holiday. Children can read whatever they like – fact books, joke books, picture books: they can even listen to audio books – just as long as they are borrowed from the library. Each child will receive a special reward each time they finish a book and there's a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge.

The challenge is great fun and runs until **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**, so please help spread the word and encourage pupils to head to their local library and enrol. It's completely free and anybody can take part. There will be lots of animal related activities in libraries during the summer holidays too, from Zoo Lab to magic shows and craft activities. You can find more information about the Summer Reading Challenge at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

### **Summer Holidays**

Nursery – closes on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Reception to Year 6 close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2.00 p.m.

Nursery opens on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Reception opens on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Year 1 to 6 open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Traditional Games day**

A great day was had by all and the children really enjoyed playing the games. They learnt so much from them that computer games cannot replace. We raised **£160.50** for School Funds thanks to your generosity and support.

### **Own Clothes day for free**

The children can wear their own clothes on the last day, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July for free. We close at 2 0'clock.

## **School Reports**

The children will bring their school reports home on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, please make sure you ask them for it.

## **Year 6 S.A.T's Results**

We are expecting the children's results very soon. As soon as we receive them we will send them home to you. Every child in Year 6 has made progress and we are proud of every one of them. The children have worked very, very hard throughout the year.

## **Summer Trips**

All of the children will have a great time, please make sure that you have completed the permission slips and have returned them to school.

Please may I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely summer? I hope that you all get the chance to spend some quality time with your children.

It has been a very busy year and as always your children have been a complete pleasure to teach. They have all made progress and have been enthusiastic learners – we are very proud of them. Good luck to our Year 6 children who start Senior School in September. Please can I ask you to please complete 'Parent View' on the Ofsted Website – it only takes 10 minutes but will really help your child's school.

Thank you as always for your encouragement, help and support throughout the year, I look forward to the new academic year.

A very happy, proud, tired Headteacher

Mrs J Grundy

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Please complete and return to school.

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_

I will collect my child at 2 o'clock on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

Contact telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Carer's signature \_\_\_\_\_