



Friday 7th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Update

Thank you for your support with the strike days this week. These were the final days of industrial action this academic year. The four major teaching unions are currently balloting their members so we may yet face more action in the Autumn Term. As always, I will keep you all informed.

I was saddened to hear the terrible news of the death of an eight-year-old girl after a car crash at a Wimbledon primary school yesterday. A horrible tragedy. Our thoughts go out the families and the wider school community.

Summer Concert Wednesday 12th July

The summer concert takes place at 7pm in the main hall. This year's theme is music from the movies. Refreshments will be available for purchase (sorry, cash only).

Sports Day Postponed

I emailed all parents this morning with the news that sports day will not be held on Monday due to the unsettled weather forecasts. As predicted, the forecasts for Monday have relentlessly improved ever since, however, the organisational complexities mean that once the decision was made we were committed. We will look to share a new date (I think it will most likely be during the final week of term). I am sorry for the disappointment caused to the students. I am now utterly certain that Monday will be the most glorious day!

School Transport Review

We have been asked by Wokingham Borough Council to share with you all that parents and carers can now have a say on possible changes to Wokingham Borough's home-to-school transport and travel assistance services.

The council is reviewing its provision, to make it sustainable in helping children and learners who need it most, and wants people's views before Friday 21st July. The council has been providing travel assistance beyond what the law requires. The consultation explains why the council is reviewing its provision and asks parents, carers and others for their views on the proposed changes. Any changes would come into effect in September 2024, although the review also enables the council to make changes before then, if it can.

Please use this [link](#) to participate in their survey.

Tag Rugby Success

It has been lovely to hear that two of our students represented England in the U23 tag rugby team at the International Cup held in Chiswick in June. Angel and Theo competed against other teams representing countries from all over the world. They had a successful day with their team; beating Australia to win the Jerome Breccard Cup and losing only in the final to an experienced Ireland team. In the main event, Great Britain Tag beat Ireland 9-2 in the build up to the Tag World Cup that is taking place in Limerick next month.



Try Tag Rugby offers social and representative tag rugby. Mixed leagues are played locally in Sonning, Reading and Maidenhead. Try Tag Rugby is a great social sport for players of all levels and leagues are being held over the summer. For more details you can contact Thames Valley - Try Tag Rugby.

End of Term – 12.20pm on Thursday 20th July

While still a way off, please be aware that the final day of the academic year is Thursday 20th July and we will, as always, finish at 12.20pm. All school transport buses will be rearranged for this time, however, all other students (e.g. walk, cycle, car, public transport) will need to make their own arrangements to return home.

We are closing in on the end of this academic year. We still have 8.5 days left, which will include the re-scheduled sports day and end of year celebration assemblies. It is really important that students continue to attend school all the way through to the end of the year and so I am grateful for your support with that.

Best wishes,

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