

## Headteacher Newsletter May 2025

### Dear pupils and parents,

Summer has finally arrived, and we are all looking forward to a very busy term ahead. Please keep an eye on Dojo for class-specific updates and events.

Here is a reminder of some upcoming events:

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed to all
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 orienteering @ HVC
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Abseiling fundraiser event from 09:00-15:00pm
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Fair and Plant sale 10:00-12:00pm
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y5/6 cricket @HVC

### Fundraising Abseil

The children are very much looking forward to our abseiling challenge on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Mrs Gemmell is particularly excited/terrified about her abseil which is happening between 11-12! See Dojo for the links to sign up to a time slot if you want to join us. If you are not feeling that adventurous but still want to support us with this, then use the donate link on Dojo and feel free to share it with friends and family. We have set ourselves an ambitious target of £1,000 and we are well on our way, but we need more! It has been lovely to see the donations coming in with names in the message section so we can see who has been 'sponsored'.

### Healthy Eating

We would like to remind you of our pledge to be a 'Healthy School'. We kindly request that sweet treats for birthdays are kept for home celebrations only. We understand that some children love sharing their special day with their class friends and we continue to ensure they still feel special during the school day without the need for food items. The children are really enjoying the school fruit snack. Message Mrs Stoddart if you wish your junior child to benefit from this scheme.

### Breakfast Club

Our pilot scheme offering universal free breakfast club has had a great first two weeks. The children are impressing us by supporting each other to be independent and Mrs Somerset has commented on their use of manners. Please note that this offer is free from 08:10am. Drop-offs between 07:45-08:10am is available but is chargeable.

### Summer

Please could we ask that children have appropriate clothing in school depending on the weather including a sunhat and that they are wearing sunscreen. Children should ALWAYS have a water bottle with them every day and appropriate layers for cooler days.

### Staffing

We have been joined by two Occupational Therapy students, Corban and Oliver, who are on a placement with us on Mon-Wed for the next 10 weeks. We really value the opportunity to work with a range of professionals and previous students have had a positive impact on school, so we are pleased to welcome them. Feel free to say hello if you see them.



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### **PTA Support**

Our annual Plant Stall and Spring Fair will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please see Dojo for more information.

Ice-Cream Friday has restarted and will continue each Friday until the end of the school year. If anyone can lend a hand with scooping, please contact Bonnie. Both regular and one-off help would be much appreciated.

Kind regards

Jen Chapman, Deputy Headteacher

Kate Gemmell, Executive Headteacher