SERFBOARD
NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

SATs ALL OVER!

Well done Year 6 once again. We achieved 100% attendance for the KS2 National Tests this week in English and maths. Many children took advantage of the Special Offer of a pre-test breakfast and social time in the Hall and went into their exams relaxed, confident and well-fed! Results come out in early July. The school’s focused exam week for end-of-year assessments will take place after half-term in the week beginning Monday 10th June. Students should use some of their holiday time to revise and prepare for this including Year 6 with subjects other than English and maths. Year 8 assessment results are passed on to Upper Schools who use the information when grouping children in Year 9. We work closely with the other Middle and Upper schools to ensure that there is consistency and accuracy in the data transferred so it is important that students have really done the very best they can.

Term 6 Programme

Term 6 starts on Monday June 3rd at the usual time. As always it is a busy period with lots of important events taking place. In addition to Exams Week mentioned above, we have a Business/Careers Event for Year 8, Residential trip to Lidlington for Year 6, Year 4 to Year 5 Transition programme, Year 8 transfer including a Retreat, disco, Leavers’ Service and Presentation Evening. At the end of June and in July we have Arts Week followed by Sports Week which includes our off-site Sports Day! Athletics Meeting at TVAC in Eton and a day dedicated to different aspects of well-being. Our fund-raising day in support of Alexander Devine Children’s Hospice takes place in the final week of term. All these events are in some way a reflection of our core Christian values: Service (helping others) Excellence (being the best we can) Respect (for ourselves, others and our God-given world) Faith (living our lives as a community with Christ at its centre). Do keep reading the Serfboard as well as individual letters with the details of the programme as we head through the term.

Whole-School Photograph

On the day we return from half-term break Monday 3rd June we have our “Whole-School Photograph”. This takes place every four years only and was postponed in March because of wet weather. It offers all pupils the chance to buy a memento of Middle School at some point in their four years here. In order to ensure a smart and uniform photograph we ask that all children come to school on that day in full uniform – not the summer uniform. So all students need their navy school jumper and all boys must wear long trousers and a tie. It makes all the difference to the quality of the picture so children without jumpers will not be able to be included in the photo. You will get a text message reminder of this during half-term! Thank you for co-operation in advance.

Journey to School

Can we remind all parents that responsibility for good behaviour and smart appearance on the way to and from school lies with you. There have been one or two incidents of disrespectful behaviour and dangerous scooting tricks in the park near school recently. We ask that students come into school and on to the playground while waiting so we and you know that they are safe and also

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th May—31st May
Half Term

Monday 3rd June
PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Monday 3rd June
WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

Wednesday 5th June
Year 6 Liddington Trip Meeting

REMINDER

Y7 – French trip 2020 next payment is due Monday 3rd June.

17th May - No. 15

on time for registration.

Happy Eid

A very happy Eid al-fitr to all our muslim students and families. This special day marking the end of fasting for the holy month of Ramadan occurs during the first week back after half-term.

Leaving STERF?

If for any reason your son or daughter in Year 5, 6 or 7 is leaving STERF at the end of the school year please can you write and tell us so officially: Parents sometimes assume that another school or Local Authority or even another parent will have told us and this is not the case. We need YOU to confirm this and as soon as possible so that we can offer any spare places to pupils on our waiting list (Pending Admissions List)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.”

Aristotle

Celebrity Gossip

Congratulations to Mr. Miles and his family on their newest edition, Arthur, weighing in at 8.2oz. Best wishes to you all!

**MasterChef**

Our MasterChefs continue to impress. Since our last report two further amazing MasterChef heats have taken place. Staff never cease to be impressed by the culinary skills on show. Our two most recent winners were the team of Elea-nor, Josie and Olivia cooking a delightful Spanish meal (Ole!), and this week we crossed the Atlantic to enjoy an American meal prepared by Ruben, Filip and Olly (Yee ha). Dish of the day awards go to Freya and Stefa-no.

**Football**

We are looking forward to the Year 7 football team playing in the Cup Final. This will take place at Arbour Park on Tuesday 21st May. Mr Miles and the team are very excited and have been working very hard to prepare for this event. Good Luck boys!

**PE Kit**

Just a reminder pupils should now be in Summer PE kit which consists of technical top, shorts/shorts, trainers, white trainer socks/nvy football socks. As well as this pupils should not be wearing earrings in PE lessons. Fitbits and other active watches can only be worn when participating in running events. Please help us to follow these rules to ensure the safety of all pupils.

**Sports Day Competition**

To finish, keep an eye out for information regarding our Sports and Health week but to get started, we would like pupils to start designing a front cover for the sports day programme. The cover must include house names, event details (Thursday 11th July at TVAC), pictures of events and much more. Entries need to be submitted by Friday 28th June. For more information see Miss Stansfield or Miss Cartlidge.

**Whole School Photograph**

On the first day back to school after half term, we will have our whole School Picture, this takes place every 4 years. As there are some variations in the Summer uniform, we will wear Winter uniform on this day which will mean no shorts and pupils must bring their jumpers for the photograph. Plain black or navy hair ties only (not sparkly or pink) and grey socks. This ensures we have a smart and uniform picture. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

**Donation of Greenredeem points**

Residents of RBWM who have accumulated points through recycling can donate points to local projects. At St Edward’s Royal Free we have been fortunate to be included in this scheme and your points can be donated to our Well-Being garden project.

This particular round of the scheme ends on 30th June 2019. The top five projects with the most points will automatically be awarded with £1000.00 each. At present we are currently in 3rd place thanks to all your amazing donations.

Please continue to help us to secure this funding of £1000.00 towards our Well-Being garden by donating your points. Visit https://www.greenredeem.co.uk/rbwm, log into your Greenredeem account or create a new account then click ‘spend points’ then ‘donations’. St Edward’s Royal Free appears in the section under Community Donations.

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**Accelerated Readers - Congratulations go to:**

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**Sports & PE Update**

**Year 6—Five a-side**

The Year 6 5-a-side Indoor Football League continued last week with a confident victory by The Bacon Soldiers. Eva and Darcey (5/2), two of our sports journalists, watched the following match to report for our weekly Football League bulletin.

Last week’s game saw the mighty ChinChillaz come face to face with the sizzling Bacon Soldiers. The Soldiers got off to a great start with George taking a great shot at goal, only for his effort to be saved by ChinChillaz goalkeeper, Sofia.

Despite some tough defending, especially by Megan, the ChinChillaz couldn’t stop Max from eventually scoring by nutmegging Sofia. Soon after, The Bacon Soldiers doubled their lead and, with the ChinChillaz seemingly losing hope, The Bacon Soldiers kept on scoring. The result...10-0 to The Bacon Soldiers!!!

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**Congratulations to our 50:50 winner in May:** Belen Solanas, Mum to Alejandra in Year 7. We are holding a cake and second hand uniform sale next Friday from 3.15 pm. Please support the event by donating cakes (home-made or bought) and buying cakes and uniform. This is a Vodafone matched funding event, they will double every pound raised up to a maximum of £350. So please come and buy lots of uniform and cake!! See poster attached for information.