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Dear Parents and Carers,
Hello! The sunshine has finally arrived, to the joy of Mrs Greensit, who is slowly turning down the central heating! Let's hope this continues so that we can have a lovely few weeks in the sun. Therefore, can we ensure that all children have sunscreen applied before school, they bring in a water bottle and they can bring in a sunhat if they wish.

The school value for this week has been Kindness and I, and all of the staff, have been handing out lots of stickers to children all across school who have shown kindness in a variety of different ways. Please see the list below to see who is in our Golden Book for showing kindness this week.

Celebration Assembly and Rewards

As of next week, we will be incorporating some new awards in school that we will share with children in Celebration Assembly on a Friday. We will be introducing Class Dojo across school. This is an online award system where children will be awarded points for showing a good attitude to learning, displaying the school values or showing outstanding work to name but a few of the amazing things that our children of Masham do each day. Linked to this, each week we will announce a Class Dojo winner for the child who has earned the most Dojo points that week. They will then be presented with a Class Dojo lanyard that they will wear for the following week. Also, in Celebration Assembly, we will be slightly changing how certificates are awarded. There will be a Star of the Week and children will earn this award for a variety of different achievements such as showing a brilliant attitude to learning, completing a fantastic piece of work, persevering in a spelling/timetable test etc. This will be on a brand-new certificate that the children get to keep. There will also be a Golden Book Award awarded to children who have demonstrated the school value of the week (these are announced during Monday's collective worship).

Also, the class with highest attendance will also win the Attendance Reward and their class will keep the attendance trophy in their classroom for the following week.

All of these changes will be shared with the children in Monday's collective worship. The new Behaviour Policy will be ratified at the Governor's meeting next week and then sent out to parents to share changes that will be in place moving forward.

Parent Safeguarding and Wellbeing Information

A new feature of the newsletter that I would like to introduce each week is a weekly safeguarding or mental health and wellbeing bulletin for parents. As part of the SSS Learning platform, that school is part of, they provide current safeguarding and wellbeing information to parents that is current. One of the resources is linked to Child Mental Health and Wellbeing – For Parents. I thought this may be useful as it is SATS week next week and there may be some useful tips for parents and children. Please click on the link below if you are interested. There is reading material and a video:
https://ssslearning.co.uk/parentsandguardians/child-mental-health-10-tips-for-parents

SATS Week

As all of the Year 6 children, parents and teachers will well know, it's SATS week next week. Now we know that SATS are important and that all of the children have been working ever so hard to achieve the best results that they can. However, it is important that we all look after our wellbeing and try to manage this stress the best we can. So, the best advise that I can give to all of those Year 6 children is to get out in the sunshine this weekend and enjoy yourselves. All of the hard work is done and next week is an opportunity to show how great you are! If you your child is stressed about these tests, then maybe some of the advice on the link above may be useful.

All of the Year 6 children will be coming in early next week at 8:30am so that they and Mrs Lang can prepare and settle before the tests.

I would like to wish you all the best of luck and please have a lovely weekend enjoying yourselves.

Parent Forum Presentation

The next Parent Forum will be on Tuesday 11th June at 5pm. Please come along to ask any questions and to find discuss the progress that school has made this half term and the priorities moving forward.

Skip 2 Be Fit!

This week the children have been keeping fit with Dave Gibson from Skip 2 Be Fit. They have all massively enjoyed it and were very sweaty and exhausted by the end of the session. It was a great day, even if it did mean I had to listen to the Crazy Frog on loop on maximum volume for the entire day!

Have a lovely weekend and I will see you all on Monday.
Mr Boyle, Head of School

Dates for your diary

Blue text indicates occasions where parents and carers are warmly welcomed to attend.

Friday	24.05.24	All	School closes for Half Term @ 3.30pm
Monday	03.06.24	Staff	Training Day
Tuesday	04.06.24	All	Children return to school
Wednesday	10.07.24	KS2	Summer Performance
Thursday	11.07.24	Ks2	Summer Performance
Thursday	18.07.24	Year 6	Leavers celebration
Friday	19.07.24	All	Leavers Service 1.15pm @ St Mary's Church
Friday	19.07.24	All	School closes for summer @ 2pm

Other trips, visits and exciting activities will be added as the year goes on.

Attendance

Swinney – 100%

Laver - 97.73%

Burn – 100%

Cover – 95.83%

Attendance Percentage		Days missed over a school year
100%		0 days
95%		10 days
90%		20 days
85%		30 days
80%		40 days

Well done to Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 for 100% attendance this week

Swinney - **Olivia** – for being a really kind friend helping others around our classroom

Brodie – for trying really hard with improving his handwriting this week

Laver - **Etta** – for showing continuous effort across all areas of her learning

Isabelle – for always being a positive role model, always helping her friends & creating solutions to help them

Burn - **Rory** – for treating insect with kindness & respect in science

Kostya – for always being helpful & respectful in class

Cover - **Max T** – for making a huge effort to improve his learning behaviour

Ben – for always being an extremely kind friend

Masham Writer of the Week

Jessica G