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Newsletter No. 12: May Day

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all to **next Friday's** May Day celebration. The children have worked so hard to learn their dances in addition to learning songs to share with you all.

A few May Day Reminders

What to wear:

- Traditionally, girls have worn white dresses on May Day. As we have done in recent years, we would like to offer girls the option of wearing something colourful instead if it means that they can wear a dress that they already own. Please don't feel that you need to purchase a new dress. Please note that the children need to be able to skip and kneel, so dresses should not be too long or too short.
- If for any reason, your daughter prefers not to wear a dress, for cultural or personal reasons, please do get in touch with your child's teacher.
- Boys will need to wear a white shirt or polo shirt and dark grey school trousers or shorts. They can also wear a school tie if they'd like to - these can be purchased on School Money Shop.
- All children will need to wear suitable footwear for skipping; **no sandals please**. Plimsolls or canvas shoes are most ideal.

If your child will be going home for lunch:

- Please be at the Church Hill Road gate at 11.25am. The children will be dismissed from class at 11.30am. Please collect them from the usual places.

If your child is staying at school for lunch:

- Please **send a change of clothes/shoes in a plastic bag** for them to wear for the event.

Arriving for May Day:

- The Church Hill Road gate will be open **from 1.15pm** and children should arrive dressed for the occasion.
- Children will come into the front playground through the large double gate and follow the track round on the left hand side, so that they do not have to make their way through a crowd of adults. We will section off this area of the playground for the children only.
- Mrs. Reid will be on the inner gate to meet the children in Reception.
- Visitors should not go into the coned off areas for the children so that they can come through.
- Adults should come through the central gate and will be directed to wait in the front playground away from the children and will be admitted once the children are in.
- Please be considerate of members of the public while you wait to come into school and avoid obstructing the pavement outside the school gate.
- Just a reminder – please don't bring dogs!

Preparing for May Day:

- Please keep an eye on the forecast – if it's going to be warm and sunny, please apply sun cream to your child before they come into school. Similarly, if it's forecast to be showery, please provide them with a shower proof jacket.
- On the day, your child will need:
 - water bottle
 - cap/sun hat – weather dependent
 - cardigan/light jacket – weather dependent

During May Day:

- We will have limited seating on the playground; you might want to bring your own fold up chair if you have one.
- Please clap for the children to show your appreciation for their hard work and wonderful dancing and singing.
- If you take photos or any videos of the children, **please do not share these on social media.**
- The Friends of St. Mary's will be selling cold drinks to enjoy.
- Please join us in singing the National Anthem.

After May Day:

- May Day usually finishes at around 3.30pm.
- We'd really appreciate your help to clear the playground once our celebrations are over. We will explain at the time how visitors can help with this.
- Children will be dismissed from their usual locations.
- **Please keep children off the stage after May Day**, apart from Y6 who will be using the stage for precious group photos, given that this is their last one.

Dates for your diary:

- **May Day: Friday 23rd May**
- Half term: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May
- Staff training day: Monday 2nd June
- **Children return to school: Tuesday 3rd June**
- Y5 parents – secondary transfer meeting: Wednesday 4th June
- Open evening for parents of new YR children starting in September: Thursday 5th June
- Class photos – 6th June
- Y5 residential visit 11th - 13th June
- Y6 residential visit 16th – 20th June
- Sports Day: afternoon of Friday 27th June
- Summer Fayre: Saturday 28th June
- Academic reports for Reception coming home: Monday 30th June
- Parent Consultations – w/c 7th July



Thank you as always for your continued support,

Maria Constantinou

Headteacher

