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Dear Parents,

Healthy Schools / Wellbeing Week – 26th – 30th June

During the week commencing 26th June, we will be holding a School Sports / Healthy Schools / Wellbeing week and we would like everyone to make a special effort to walk or ride (bike or scooter) to school, even if they do not normally do this.

The children will have the chance to have a go at a variety of activities in School including the following:

Year R – Gymnastics

Year 1 – Hockey and Gymnastics

Year 2 – Hockey

Years 3 and 4 – Defence Lab (this incorporates a range of methods to diffuse difficult situations and only uses physical intervention as a last resort) and Tennis;

All year groups – Aerobic workouts;

Each year group will also take part in their own competitive tournament. Please could you ensure that children keep their indoor and outdoor PE kit in School for the whole of this week.

For homework, children have been asked to create a warm up routine / game that would help to prepare their bodies for exercise. Further details are attached and the tasks have been explained to the children.

On the Thursday morning of this week, we will be holding our Annual School Sponsored Footpaths Walk. More details regarding this can be found below. As we are asking children to walk or ride to School, we will make provision for the storage of bikes or scooters around the school as follows:

We would like the children in Years 3 and 4 to put their scooters or bikes in the racks closest to 3DE and 4J. We would like the children in the Reception classes or in Class 1MH to use the racks at the front of the school. Year 2 children can then use the racks closest to the Parklands gate. If there is no space in the racks, please place your bike against a wall or fence near to the racks. We would encourage bikes and scooters to be locked where possible.

Obviously, children must be accompanied by an adult if they are cycling or scooting and should also **wear cycle helmets**. Please could I also remind all children that **they are not allowed to ride bicycles or scooters across the playground**. This is a crowded area and so bicycles and scooters should be **pushed**.

Year R – Mrs Bennett

I write to inform parents that Mrs Bennett will be returning from her period of maternity leave on Wednesday 28th June. However, although Mrs Bennett will be working within Class RB, Mrs Barton will also remain in this class until the end of the year.

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This week's assembly theme was 'Sportsmanship'.

Sponsored Footpath Walk – Thursday 29th June 2017

Following the successful and extremely popular Sponsored Footpath walks, which have taken place over the last few years, we have decided to hold a similar event this year.

Half of the proceeds of the Sponsored Footpath Walk will go to the school and, this year, half of the funds raised will be used to pay for our Defibrillator to be moved into a lockable, powered unit and placed outside the School on Carnforth Road. This would provide round the clock access to the public. At the moment, it is only accessible to the public when the School is open.

The Footpath Walk also helps us to raise the children's awareness of public footpaths and the need to make use of these in order to maintain and keep them open.

The whole school will be completing the walk on the morning of Thursday 29th June. We will be back at school in time for lunch so children will only need to carry a small ruck-sack with them, containing a drink, a small snack and water-proofs / sun-hat (depending on the weather forecast).

Children do not need to wear school uniform on this day but we do recommend that children wear long trousers (in case of stinging nettles) and please ensure that children **wear sensible footwear** for completing the walk. Your child's sponsor form is attached to this letter and a paper copy of the form will also be sent out in the children's book bags. We understand that there are a lot of financial pressures on families and that we ask you to contribute to a number of charities during the course of the year. Therefore, we only ask for **small contributions** from sponsors. Please could all forms and money raised be returned to your child's class teachers by **Friday 7th July**.

PA Fete - Reminder

Just a reminder that the summer fete is on Saturday, starting at 2.00pm. There will be lots of fun and exciting things going on, games, obstacle bouncy castle, ice creams, Pimms tent, cakes and lots more.

All donations of tombola prizes, books, bottles of wine and your treasure tubs and cake plates all need to be in by Friday.

There are still raffle tickets available if anyone would like any more, please call into the office.

We hope to see you all at the fete on Saturday, for what will be a great afternoon.

Friday 14th July – Choir performing at Sanders Park

At 11.00am on Friday 14th July, the Choir will be performing at the Bandstand at Sanders Park. Parents are welcome to attend and I would like to wish them all the best for this performance.

Friday 30th June – School closed for Teacher Training

Please can I remind parents that the school will be closed for staff training on Friday 30th June.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Evans
Head Teacher



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