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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week has flown by and we find ourselves in May. We hope that, for those who have had the opportunity, you have enjoyed coming in to school this week whether it be for the May Day Parades, which were fantastic, for the 'share a lesson sessions' or for achievement assembly. It is lovely to have parents and carers back in school again and for things to feel 'normal'! The next share a lesson session is for Year 1 on Thursday 12th May at 1.30. (Letter sent out previously.) We hope you can make it.

Holidays

To start, a further reminder about holidays in term time which we know we mentioned last week.

Leave of absence for pupils during term time is not permitted and cannot be authorised unless there are **exceptional** circumstances. We continue to have a large number of holiday requests which we will be unable to authorise. Bradford Council has the power to issue penalty notices should pupils have unauthorised absences. Although they will always try to work with parents and carers to improve pupil attendance, they will, from now, issue Penalty Notices where a pupil has missed at least 6 sessions (3 school days) due to unauthorised absence in the previous 6 weeks. A Penalty Notice is a fine issued to parents / carers and can be either £60 per parent or carer, per child (if the payment is made within 21 days) or £120 per parent/ carer if made after the 21 days. We have sent out an attendance leaflet together with this letter which explains things in more detail.

Please remember that we have a 2-week holiday at Spring Bank both this year and next year, so there are opportunities to bring down the cost of a family holiday whilst keeping the children in school during term time. We have included the holiday dates for next year with this letter for your information.

SATs, Phonics Screening & Multiplication Tables Checks

Next week the Year 6s will be sitting their SATs in school. These are tests sat by all Year 6 pupils across the country. The following week, week commencing 16th May, Year 2 will be sitting their end of year SATs. Pupils have been supported throughout the year so that they can access these and have had practices along the way, so nothing in the week will feel unusual or 'scary'.

When we return to school following the Spring Bank Holiday, week commencing 6th June, Year 1 will have their phonics screening check. Again, this is a government assessment which will test the pupils' phonic knowledge. Pupils take part in phonics sessions daily, so they always take the phonics screening check in their stride. The results of all of these tests will be reported to you at the end of the year.

Later in June, children in Year 4 will do a Multiplication Tables check – more details to follow.

All pupils have worked incredibly hard this year and we wish them every success in the tests. We have explained to the pupils that, all we ask, is that they try their best (which we know they will!)



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Jubilee Days

On Thursday 19th and Friday 20th May, we will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in school. On the Thursday we will be focussing on the history of the event and then preparing for a Jubilee Party. On the Friday, we will be holding a Jubilee Party in school. We are encouraging children to come to school dressed in red, white and blue clothes on the Friday. We are also going to ask pupils to bring in some snacks that day for the party – more details will follow.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Yours sincerely,

Beth Medhurst and Fiona Meer

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