



Dear Parents & Carers

We've had a very busy week at school but a thoroughly enjoyable one. On Monday morning we saw our Year 6 children off on their School Journey. Mrs Brooks and Mrs Bakhtar kept us up-to-date each day with how things were going. The children participated in a wealth of team-building challenging activities such as King Swing, orienteering, archery and canoeing. What has come through in all these is the resilient way the children have approached the activities – most of which they have experienced for the first time. It was wonderful welcoming them back today and seeing them invigorated by their week away. A huge amount of work goes into organising trips away like this and I'd like to thank Mrs Brooks not only for doing this but for giving over her week, along with Mrs Bakhtar, to take the children away for such a memorable experience.

Other children have been out and about as well. On Wednesday four of our Year 5 children represented Monken Hadley when they went to QE Boys' School for the Primary Maths Challenge. Fourteen Barnet schools participated and I'm delighted to let you know that Arda, Ben, Charlotte and Ela won the Cross Number round which is no mean feat considering that there were only 4 rounds in all.

On Wednesday Willow class set off on their trip to Sealife London Aquarium where they walked on glass to see the sharks below as well as touching a starfish. On Thursday Chestnut class also were off on a trip. As part of their topic on The Scented Garden, they went to Capel Manor where they made perfumes from herbs, built birds' nests and had lunch in an amphitheatre.

While Chestnut went off on their trip, the rest of the school went to church for a service led by Adele. We value our links with St Mary the Virgin and I'd like to draw your attention to a special prayer group for our school and local community that happens each Friday 9.15-9.45 (coffee from 8.45am). This Sunday, the church is putting on its Commonwealth Celebratory Fayre from 12.30pm and it's always a lovely occasion to enjoy.

Finally, hopefully you have all received Mrs Gwilliam's letter regarding the appointment of Ms Simpson. I have met Ms Simpson on two occasions and I think she will be a wonderful Headteacher for the school; she emanates warmth and energy and appears to have a natural affinity with children. She and I will have further opportunities to meet before the end of term when we have our handover sessions.

*Miss Froud*

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## Music Concert

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A reminder that we have our Music Concert on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June. If your child would like to perform, they should come along with their instrument in the morning. The orchestra and choir will also be performing and all parents & carers are very welcome.

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## Sports' Day

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If you are able to help erect the gazebos to keep the children in the shade on Sports' Day morning (Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>), please come along to the Common after drop off at 9.00am. If you would like the school to provide a packed lunch and haven't let the office know, please do so by Monday.

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## Choir at the Church and School Fayres

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Please note that your child should be accompanied at the church and school fayres. On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, the children will be performing at Church House and should meet there at 1.00pm. Both fayres are non-uniform occasions.

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## Summer Party for Parents & Carers

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The parents are holding a Movie Stars Summer Party on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July at Old Fold Manor Golf Club 6.30pm – midnight. Tickets are on sale (£30) after school each day next week in the playground. If you don't pick up and would like a ticket, let the School Office know.

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## Class Lists

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A few parents have asked when the class lists are going out. They will be circulated on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July to all parents. The reason we only decide on the lists during that week is that we endeavour to get as good a picture as we can of any new children we will be taking in as part of our in-year admissions and this affects allocation of children to classes.