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For every child a chance to shine



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spiritual Development:

In Forest School the children have been learning about dandelions - they represent the sun, the moon and the stars. Activities included collecting dandelion flower heads and making dandelion tea to be sampled in the forest, with a good dollop of honey. Sounds delicious!

Fundraising:

Non Uniform Day: Thurs 18th June

We are holding a non-uniform day to raise funds towards the reopening of the Ward Freman Swimming Pool. To date they have raised £255,775 towards the first target of £300,000; however, as I'm sure you are aware, predicted costs keep increasing with inflation and a few new issues have emerged, such as the need for a dedicated mains water supply, so our fundraising continues. Instead of bringing in money to school, they have asked that families donate through their crowd funder account <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ward-freman-community-pool-group-1027746>

Enrichment:

Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic afternoon at the football tournament held at Royston Town Football Club. The girls played brilliantly throughout the competition and were crowned overall winners after showing excellent skill, teamwork, and determination in every match. The boys also had an outstanding tournament, battling their way to the cup final and narrowly missing out on the trophy. Every child represented the school superbly, demonstrating great sportsmanship, resilience, and support for one another throughout the tournament! Miss Croucher and Mrs Patterson were very impressed and proud of all the children.



Staffing:

We are sad to inform you that Miss Tas is leaving us this Friday, 15th May. She has been an amazing addition to our school this year and will be greatly missed by children and staff. We wish all the best in her new career and we welcome her to visit us in the future.

Diary dates:

A friendly reminder that Mad Hair Day is this Friday, 15th May.

Mad Hair Day	15 th May
Year 4 Hudnall Park meeting	19 th May at 14:45 in Year 4 classroom.





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School class photos	1 st June
Y4 Multiplication Check	1 st June - 12 th June.
Y2 visit from Rabbi Imrit Shillor	4 th June
Y4 Egyptian Day	8 th June
Hudnall Park Residential trip Y4	June 10 th , 11 th and 12 th . School trips for other year groups will be updated when confirmed
Non Uniform Day - fundraising for Ward Freman Swimming Pool	Thurs 18 th June
Sports day	19 th June 9:30-11:30 (Reserve 26 th June)
Reports out	6 th July
NON-UNIFORM National Sports week	10 th July
Open afternoon	17 th July
Leavers service	21 st July TBC
Leavers BBQ	21 st July TBC

Best wishes,

Adele McMurrugh
Head teacher