

NW/LR

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Dear Parents, Carers and Bemrose Pupils,

Can I start by thanking all of the staff, pupils and parents for their contributions in what has been a very productive exciting and optimistic term. To see the pupils moving around school with greater freedoms; activities taking place both in and out of school, and real progress being made by all pupils in their learning, it makes my job as a school leader one filled with happiness.

Lots of trips and activities have taken place this term, ranging from trips to London, Cambridge, the theatre, sports activities, external speakers coming into school, walks up hills and mountains, university trips and I could go on. I would like to thank the staff for taking the time to organise these trips and activities. They are all symbols of their engagement and a very positive representation of our school. A special shout goes out to the Year 10 girls who won the debating competition and move on to the next round against West Park. Good luck girls.

I am extremely pleased that the school has been awarded with the National Careers Mark. As an all through school, our ethos is that all children from the very youngest to the very oldest have positive careers related experiences throughout their time in the school. I was fortunate to be at a meeting at the House of Lords where the school was shouted out for its work in careers from 3-19 years of age. A proud moment! This term 30 Pupils attended a weeklong apprenticeship at Toyota, next term Year 6 will be involved in careers weeks and this is only the tip of the iceberg around this work we do.

Can I continue to ask that parents who are collecting their children from school at the end of the day or dropping off at the start of the day do so safely and with the consideration of the residents but also those children who come to school on foot. We are entering the summer months and it would be lovely to see more children walking to school or coming on bikes, for health reasons, the environment, and to reduce the congestion around school. As a parent myself we must try to encourage safe independence around children and walking to school is an activity that will support that.

Over the Easter. There will be study sessions for Year 6 pupils embarking on their SATs, Year 11's and 6th formers who are doing external exams in the summer. These sessions are supported by our staff who know our children well and can target the skills they need to be successful in May and June. Can I encourage parents to ensure if your child is invited, they come to these valuable sessions.

As we move into the summer months can I ask that parents take time over Easter to check that their children have all of the equipment they need for school including school uniform, pens, pencils and a bag. It is important that we make sure our children are equipped to be the best learners they possibly can and ultimately the 'best me'.

We wish you a very pleasant and well-rested Easter and we look forward to welcoming all of the pupils back to school on Monday the 25th April.

Yours faithfully



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