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Dear Parents/Carers,

A big week next week for our Y6 pupils as they prepare to take their SATs. The tests take place every day from Monday to Thursday – if your child is in Y6 please make sure that they are in school every day. Breakfast will be provided for all pupils in Y6 from 8:10am.

Parking:

We continue to receive complaints from local residents about cars blocking driveways at the start and end of the school day. We know that this does not reflect the majority of families but please do park considerately and safely so that local residents can access their homes easily. It was reported to us that a white car was parking on yellow lines at the bottom of Denshaw Grove and the PCSO will be patrolling the local area. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Reading:

A big thank you to everyone who has brought books in so far to donate to the library. If you have any good quality books for children aged 7-11 at home that can donate, please bring them to the school reception. Our new reading reward scheme recently launched and it has been wonderful to see that so many children are reading at home every night – keep it up!

Attendance for last week

Class	Attendance %
Mahler Class	99.4 😊
Wagner Class	99.2 😊
Tchaikovsky Class	99.2 😊
Sousa Class	99.1 😊
Holst Class	98.1 😊
Schumann Class	97.5 😊
Mozart Class	97 😊
Verdi Class	96.7 😊
Strauss Class	96.3 😊
Chopin Class	95.4 😊
Vivaldi Class	95.4 😊
Copland Class	95.2 😊
Brahms Class	95 😊
Debussy Class	95 😊
Mendelssohn Class	94.6 😊
Berlioz Class	94.4 😊
Handel Class	92.5 😊
Liszt Class	92.2 😊
Beethoven Class	91.7 😊
Puccini Class	88.5 😊
Bach Class	84.5 😊

School dinners - we are on Week 1 next week

Please ensure you have paid for any outstanding lunches.

Sports:

We have been very active over the past couple of weeks. On Tuesday, Year 5 with help from Year 4 took part in The Burton Cup contact rugby tournament, narrowly missing out in extra time to Lower Wortley Primary School 5-4.

The Gorse Games is also drawing to a close with the penultimate event, basketball taking place at The Ruth Gorse Academy. Both our teams showed resilience throughout, adding valuable points to our overall total. The last event in the series is football taking place on 13th June.

Our summer term (2) after school programme is also being finalised, so if there are any activities that you would like us to include please see Mrs Higgins or Miss Mallinson and we will see what we can do.

Human Enquiry Project:

We were fortunate enough to have Dr Manoj Khrisna work with a selected few children on Tuesday afternoon of this week. Dr Krishna has published a book called 'Understanding you, Understanding me'. It explores what makes a human being and an enquiry into emotional intelligence. The aim of the project is to develop children's emotional intelligence. There will be more focus groups every month which will explore emotions such as fear, jealousy, stress and anxiety. For more information, please see Miss Garland Jones.

Y6 Prom – Toy Sale:

For the Yr 6 leavers' prom, the Prom organisation committee is raising additional funds by having a Toy Sale after school on Friday May 24th. Any donations of used and new unwanted toys, games, CDs, DVDs, computer games etc. can be dropped off in bags labelled 'Toy Sale' at the school office. Parents collecting are: Mandy Milburn, Jennifer Fleming, Joanne Allan, Adele Fry, Emma Rodley, Julie Lewis and Maria Thewlis. Your support would be really appreciated so that the Y6 pupils can enjoy a prom they'll never forget!

Word of the week:

The current words of the week are:

KS1 **villain**

KS2 **dense**

Children are encouraged to learn the meaning of these words and apply them in their writing across the curriculum over the next week or two. The best use of the words will receive a certificate in our celebration assembly.

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