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### Principal's Message

*Welcome back after the summer half term break - I hope you enjoyed the sunshine over the Bank Holiday. We are now a week into our final half term and it's always a busy one with lots of trips, residential visits, competitions as well as keeping up the learning! Please make sure that you keep an eye on Twitter, our website and the newsletters so that you don't miss any of the exciting things going on including the Summer Fair!*

*Liz Latham*

## Cake sale

### today!

**Our enterprising pupils have organised a cake sale to raise**



**money for Rainbows and UNICEF today! Please visit the Community room on your way out of school today to stock up on some delicious treats for the weekend. Doors will open at 3.30pm and the girls will be selling until they've sold out! Thanks so much for your support with this worthy cause.**

**<https://www.unicef.org/>**

## Nursery Deadlines

**We are delighted that our campaign to increase the numbers of pupils accessing our brilliant nursery provision has paid off! We now have more pupils who want to take advantage of our new flexible approach to the 30 and 15 hours provision. If you still haven't filled in your application form then please do so as soon as possible as we only have a few spaces left!**

**[www.queensmeadacademy.org/flexibleearlyyearsprovision](http://www.queensmeadacademy.org/flexibleearlyyearsprovision)**

## Soccer Aid

**Next Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup>) we are taking part in UNICEF's Soccer Aid campaign . Along with 1000's of other schools,**



**we are paying £1 to wear sports kit (not just football kit but any kit or sporty clothes!). There will be a range of fun, sporting activities throughout the day for your child to take part in. Why not watch the match on Sunday involving celebrities and sports stars.**

**<https://www.socceraid.org.uk/>**

## Year 2 -Free School Meals and lots of other benefits!

**If you are a parent of a child in Y2, you currently are entitled to a free school lunch. This will stop when your child moves to Y3 after the summer.**

**Did you know that you may be entitled to claim the Pupil Premium? This is money given to the school to support the learning of pupils and by claiming it your child will receive a daily free lunch as well as get discounts on trips. Follow this link to check if you are entitled!**

**[www.queensmeadacademy.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.queensmeadacademy.org/freeschoolmeals)**

## Get Independent!

As we move towards the end of the year and your child is preparing to move up to the next year group- why not start to encourage them to further develop their independence in a variety of ways?

Teaching them to look after themselves is a valuable life skill and it's never too early to start! One of the ways you can do this in school is by letting them go into class on their own. Our F2 pupils already wave goodbye to parents at the door and are happily settled into their learning.

## Attendance

Our target for this year is 96% in line with the Government's recommendation. We are aiming to achieve this every week and encourage you to help us!

Overall, attendance to date is 95.9% We need to try and improve this!

The class with the highest attendance is Chris Van Allsburg with 98.5% - Well done

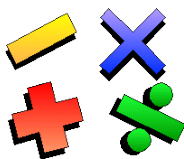
The class with the most improved attendance is Chris Van Allsburgh up by 1.2% -

Well done everyone, let's see if we can do better next week.

## Maths detective competition!

Please encourage your child to take part in the maths detective challenge in school and also on the website. This time you need to guess how many table tennis balls will fit in the container on the display. Have a go! Prizes to be won!

[www.queensmeadacademy.org/mathschallenge](http://www.queensmeadacademy.org/mathschallenge)



## Dates for your diary

Yr 2 Conkers	13 <sup>th</sup> June
F2 Bradgate Park	13 <sup>th</sup> June
Yr4 Residential	13 – 15 June
Yr5 Whetsone Past. Farm	20 <sup>th</sup> June

Inter-academy Athletics	22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Yr6 Residential	27-29 June
Yr 5 Abbey Park	27 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Yr 3 Pizza express	19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer Fair	4 <sup>th</sup> July
Reports home	6 <sup>th</sup> July

## Class assembly dates:

Here are the last two class assembly dates for you to plan ahead! Class assemblies are always on a Wednesday at 2.50pm in the main hall excluding F1 which is held in the morning.

Yr 6 Joint assembly	13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Rod Campbell	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Year 5 university visit

This week some of our Year 5 pupils visited Leicester University on a day trip of super sport. It was an excellent opportunity to experience what University life is like in preparation for their brilliant futures. They enjoyed being shown round campus by university students and a series of exciting sporting events like UV basketball and badminton! (click the link for an explanation!)

<http://www.uvgear.co.uk/product/product490.htm>

## Happy Shoesday

We raised £138 to support Living Streets walking project, by donating £1 to wear our favourite pair of shoes for the day. Some children also got creative and decorated them to their own individual styles. Strider the mascot from Living Streets came along to our celebration assembly to launch the walk to school week and Happy Shoesday. We held a competition for the happiest shoes in each class and prizes were awarded in the Honours Assembly at the end of walk to school week. Thank you to all of you that donated your unwanted shoes to children and adults in rural Africa with Africa's Gift Charity.

