28\textsuperscript{th} April 2017

**Year 5 Summer Term Information**

Welcome to a new school term!

Here are few reminders about school rules and equipment.

**Water Bottles**
Every child should bring a named water bottle to school every day. There are water stations where children can refill their bottles if necessary.

**Summer precautions**
Ensure your child has a sun hat and sun cream as appropriate.

**Uniform**
Most children look very smart but a few are not wearing correct uniform. **Trainers are not allowed**; children should wear smart, flat school shoes. Girls’ socks should be plain white and boys’ socks should be plain black or grey. Girls’ summer dresses/divided skirt dresses should be knee length.

**EVERY ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOULD BE NAMED**

**Hairstyles**
Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed. Girls’ hair accessories should be black or blue.

**PE Kit**
Summer PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. Some children only have plimsolls which are not suitable for outdoors. For chilly days you may still want to include a black tracksuit.

**EVERY ITEM OF PE KIT SHOULD BE NAMED**

**Bags**
School bags should be a book bag (Reception and KS1) or a drawstring type rucksack (KS2) as space is very limited in our cloakrooms.

Thank you for helping with these issues to make things run as smoothly as possible.
This term’s subject areas:
Our theme this half term is ‘Natural Disasters’. We will be focusing on different types of natural disasters such as earthquakes, volcanoes, hurricanes and flooding. Next half term our topic will be ‘Fairgrounds’. During this topic we will focus on forces and different mechanisms. Please help your children with any extra bits of research they may need to do on these areas.

In June we will be taking part in an activity day at Harlow Outdoor Activity Centre. Please see the recent letter that has been sent out for more details.

General reminder:
- Children should have an ink pen AND blue ink cartridges in school at all times.
- They should also have a reading book and reading diary in school every day.
- They only need one pencil case, if any at all.
- Our family assemblies for this term are scheduled for the week beginning 8th May. Miss Caldecott’s class is on Wednesday 10th May. Miss Edwards’ family assembly is Friday 12th May.

Homework reminder:
- Maths homework is given out on a Tuesday to be handed in the following Monday.
- English homework is given out on a Monday to be handed in on Friday.
- Spellings or a spelling task is also given out on a Monday and handed in on Friday.

Reading reminder:
Each classroom has a Reading Racers chart to ensure the children read a range of genres. Your child is expected to read for at least twenty minutes every day with an adult. The adult can then initial in the child’s reading diary so that prizes can be awarded depending on how many signatures are recorded. The children are also encouraged to write their own comments about what they have read. These need to be specific comments which could relate to something they have enjoyed, found funny, the characters or anything else which shows they have read and understood the text. Reading diaries should be in school every day especially on a Thursday when they will be checked.

Miss Edwards and Miss Caldecott