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Dear parents,

Welcome to the Summer Term, let's hope the weather improves to match the name of the term!

River Learning Trust

I am delighted to tell you that on Monday our school becomes an academy and joins the River Learning Trust. This has been a very long process and has demanded a huge amount of work from our school governors: gathering information, attending meetings and presentations in order to research the pros and cons of this key decision which will affect the school for many years to come. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the governing body for their hard work and commitment to the school over the many months it has taken to reach this point.

Moving forward from Monday, you are unlikely to notice any changes, since much of the work of becoming an academy involves changes to back office systems. Mrs Ackland is working hard on this behind the scenes. Further down the line, RLT have already started to support us with school improvement, curriculum development, staff development, health and safety, premises management and on keeping our child protection and safeguarding systems up to date and in line with legislation.

Lime Class

It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Walters into our school this week, I have seen some lovely lessons in progress and the children seem very happy. Mrs Walters is leading on Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and leading on the teaching of English across the school.

SATs Tests

Good luck to all of our Year 6s who will be taking their SATs tests the week after next. They have been working hard towards these tests and we are very proud of them all.

Our Year 2s will be taking their SATs tests just before half term. Mrs Walters will be holding a meeting for parents on Wednesday 10th May at 3.30pm in Lime Class to explain the process.

Snapshot reports

We are just finalising the assessments from the Spring Term, as soon as we have finished that process, I will open up the on line snapshot report portal for you to have a look at your child's progress last term. I will send out an email as soon as it is open.

Cycle Training

Mrs. Webb and I will be running the annual cycle training for the Year 5s in June. We will need some volunteers to be an extra pair of eyes and ears out on the road.

Training starts on Monday 5th June until Thursday 15th June (NOT Thursday 8th June of Friday 16th June). There are two sessions each morning 9.15 to 10.30 and 10.45 to 12 noon.

If you could spare any time at all we would be really grateful.

Thank you

Mrs Russell-King

Spring Term dates for your diary:

Friday 28th April

Monday 1st May

Monday 5th May

Key Stage 2 SATs Tests

Friday 12th May

Friday 19th May

Key Stage 1 SATs Tests

Friday 26th May

Half Term

School Closes

No Family Assembly

School Closed for Bank Holiday

Family Assembly 2.45pm

8th May – 12th May

No Family Assembly

Family Assembly 2.45pm

22nd May – 26th May

PTA Sponsored Activity Day

29th May – 2nd June

Friday 21st July 1.30pm

Yours sincerely

Mrs Emma Coleman

Head Teacher