



28 June 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is lovely to have everyone back safely after the break, such a shame the weather didn't live up to our expectations. This will be a busy half term; we have planned a lot of enjoyable activities in for your children.

### **Uniform Reminder**

Please can you help us encourage children to wear their uniform with pride. Some children have begun forgetting their lanyards, or house badges. Hair bobbles should be either black or burgundy, no other colours are acceptable. Please help your children to get organised swiftly; by this point in the year even our Year 3 children should be fully up to speed, and they may lose a golden time point if they are missing key items.

### **Music Lesson Renewals**

Thank you to those of you that have already completed the JD Music Lesson renewals form. Dr Ratcliffe sent a letter before half term regarding renewing JD Music Lessons for the next academic year. The deadline to complete the form this was over half term and we are currently missing several responses. Please can you complete the form ASAP and by Monday 10 June at the very latest. We need this information to allow us to create a timetable before we get to September. Please note that you do not need to complete the form if your child will be in Year 7 in September.

Link to JD Music Lesson Renewals 2024-25 Form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ECDMDpH2Vp>

### **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check**

Year 4 pupils will be completing the online multiplication tables check this week. This is a statutory requirement and we will encourage the children to stay calm and do their best. The children are well prepared and we would encourage them to practise their times tables at home this week. The results will be shared by the end of the academic year.

### **SRE Education**

Sex and relationships education will be taking place next week for Years 5 and 6. Our Year 5 and 6 girls will receive a lesson about menstruation from female staff on Tuesday 11 June, while the boys are not present. Sex and relationship education will be given to Year 6 pupils only, and will be taught by Mr Ludford; it will focus on changes that happen in our lives and our bodies on Thursday 13 June, with a focus on hygiene and practicality. On Friday 14 June, Year 6 will have a lesson on conception and birth, which will include footage of a baby being born. Parents are welcome to come into School to see the resources that we will use, in which case, please email Mrs Pasqualino by Friday 7 June. We will be able to view these resources on Monday 10 June from 2.30pm or on Tuesday 11 June from 9.10am.

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## **General Election**

The election gives us the opportunity to teach about how the voting process works, and to explore the manifestos from each of the key parties. We will be holding an election in JD ourselves to see if we get the same result as the country as a whole, and we will take care to represent all points as fairly as we can to allow pupils to make informed choices. Please help us at home; perhaps your child will have questions about the parties or politicians, or perhaps you can encourage them to watch snippets of news when appropriate. For parents of JD2 pupils, when you start to receive campaign leaflets, it would be helpful if you could send them into School so that we can see the range of ways they present information.

## **Upcoming Dates**

### **Monday 10 June - 'Proud to be Me' Day**

On Monday 10 June the School is encouraging students to wear normal uniform but to accessorise with items that celebrate their identity and individuality (for example, rainbow badge or hair ribbons, football or brightly coloured socks, additional cultural jewellery) for 'Proud to be Me' Day. It is entirely optional and is not a non-uniform day. The School's aim is to promote tolerance and celebrate friendship and community. As such, we believe this is in line with the school's Christian values. Your support in discussing the matter with your child is much appreciated.

### **Wednesday 12 June - JD1 hike Milton Ferry to Wansford**

Be aware that next Wednesday JD1 are off site hiking from Milton Ferry Bridge to Wansford Station. There is no cost for this, but pupils need to arrive in their hiking gear and to have applied suncream before School. Please read the below kit list and ensure your child is well prepared:

- Sturdy footwear
- School hoodie
- Small rucksack to carry their gear
- Waterproof jacket
- Sun hat and sun cream (to top up during the day if required)
- Packed lunch and water bottle - the snacks can be treats, e.g. biscuit / cake - but please no nuts, chocolate bars or sweets
- Plastic carrier bag, folded flat. This is handy to sit on if the ground is damp

### **Thursday 20 June - JD Sports Day, Garton End Road Playing Fields, 11am-12pm**

Events will start at 11am prompt at our Garton End Road playing fields (plenty of space to park your car). Events will last approximately one hour, and we'd love you to bring along a picnic to share with your children afterwards.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Ludford  
Head of Junior Department