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Dear Parents/ Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome back all pupils to Henry Whipple for the Summer Term after the Easter break.

Learning away and Enrichment

Being part of Henry Whipple means your children will attend regular learning away visits and enrichment. As part of this residentials are organised from Class 2 – Class 6 visiting some of the highlights of the United Kingdom including Hadrian's Wall, Sherwood Forest, Snowdonia and London. This comes at significant cost to the school as we fund the most of the residential including any food, accommodation and activities. We ask parents to support the running of these residentials by contributing to the transport costs only.

This half term you will receive the letters for residentials and meeting dates where you can speak to the members of staff organising them. The dates and deadlines will be included in them. We are very excited for all the children to experience these incredible experiences in September.

Staffing

There are number of staffing changes this half term.

At Easter we said goodbye to Mrs Lowe and wished her the very best on her well-earned retirement.

We welcomed Mrs Battacharjee who will be teaching in year 3 with Ms Eadon. She has been very keen to start and has been thoroughly impressed with the children's efforts since starting back after Easter.

Mrs Butterworth will be leaving soon for her maternity leave. Mrs McCarron will be teaching the F1 children when this starts. Mrs Webster will teach year 3 due to ongoing staff absence.

Attendance

The target for school attendance is 97% and we are grateful for how much the school's attendance has improved this year. There were so many 97% and 100% certificates given out. There is still some work to do in order to reach the target.

If your child's attendance falls to below 90% an attendance plan will be created in order to improve it. By working together, we can make sure all children make the best progress in school by being here, on time. Miss School – Miss out!

The school day starts promptly at 8:45 am, with lessons beginning straight away. Late arrivals can disrupt the learning environment and put unnecessary strain on our staff and pupils. If you are running late, please contact the school office and remember to sign in at reception. Every minute counts in your child's education!



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Year 6 Walking

In the next few weeks permission letters will be sent home giving consent for year 6 children to walk home. This will not start until the week after SATs have taken place, the week beginning 18th May. All children will be responsible for their behaviour, and any antisocial incidents that occur may result in year 6 children not being able to walk home without an adult.

Water Bottles

As the weather gets hotter children need to make sure they stay hydrated to help them concentrate throughout the day. Children can bring in a bottle from home or purchase a school bottle via the Arbour app for £1. We ask that it is water only, and not juice or fizzy drinks.

Safeguarding

Keeping your children safe is our highest priority in school. If you need any help or support, please contact us so that we can signpost you to the relevant services.

A polite reminder that the current school designated safeguarding leads are:

Mr Johnson - Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Winter – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms Eadon – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Keatley – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Key dates

23rd April 2026 – Year 1 Bestwood Centre

29th April 2026 -Primary Parliament

5th May 2026 – Year 2 Space Centre

11th - 15th May 2026 - Year 6 SATs

19th May 2026 – Year 5 Magna

21st May 2026 – Year 3 Mansfield Museum

Further events will be added throughout the term.

Please continue to check the website and weekly newsletter for all information. If you have any other questions please do not hesitate to contact the school on 0115 9155723 or email

admin@henrywhipple.nottingham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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