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## Foundation Newsletter - June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe, but here we are, your child's final few weeks in Lions and Tigers! Looking back on the children's journey since joining us back in September gives me an enormous sense of pride. It is amazing to reflect on how much they have developed and grown, physically, socially, emotionally and academically. But it's not over yet, our Summer Term is very busy. We have lots of exciting experiences ahead, whilst preparing them for the move on to Year 1.



Our final topic of the year will be '**Pure Imagination**'. This will draw on all the work we have been completing with the children to promote a love of literature, whilst encouraging the development of their imagination in their writing and play. During the topic we will be thinking about all things 'phantasmagorical', including; unicorns, mermaids, dragons and pirates. This will be supported by a rich collection of stories from authors such as;

Jonny Duddle, Julia Donaldson, Caryl Hart and Aaron Blabey. Alongside all of this we will continue to support the children in preparing for their transition to Year 1, by providing them with plenty of opportunities to encounter the staff, children and classrooms which they may have from September. We would like to invite you to share this learning with the children at a small play on **Wednesday 18th July at 9:30am**, please note there will be **NO Exit Point for Lions and Tigers on Friday 13th July**.

### Sports Day -

We would love to invite you to our annual Infants Sports morning on **Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> June at 9:15am** so the children can show off all their sporting skills. There will be activity stations that you can walk around and watch your child participate in, then there will be some running races at the end of the morning. The heats for these races will be run during PE lessons and the finalists from these will be running on the day. In the event of bad weather our back-up date is the 21st June.



### Transition to Year 1 Meeting for Parents/Carers -

We understand that it can be an unsettling time moving into Year 1 so we do spend a considerable amount of time preparing the children before the summer break. We would like to invite you to a meeting on **Tuesday 3rd July at 5:30pm**, where we can outline exactly what we are doing and how you can help over the summer. Although you won't know which class your child is going to be in until shortly after this meeting, the Year 1 teachers will be at the meeting so you can ask any questions. We will also be explaining what the end of Year Report for your child will look like and what you can do to continue to support their learning. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting but if, for any reason, you can't attend or have a query please feel free to speak to us on the door in the mornings.



### **Tapestry**

As we move the children through their transition into Year 1, we will stop the use of Tapestry on the **30th June** to prepare the reports for the children's new teachers. Thank you for your support in using it this year, it has really helped us to get to know your children. We will be preparing hard copies of the children's journals for you by the end of the Summer Term.

As you can see the summer is a busy and exciting time for all of us and we look forward to sharing this with you.

Finally from all of us, thank you for your support throughout the year, and for helping to make your child's first year at school a happy and successful one.

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