

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half of the Summer Term, I wanted to thank you for your ongoing support of the staff team, and also send out some key reminders and dates ahead of the second half of the term which is always an exciting and busy one!

Toys:

- We are seeing an increasing number of toys coming into school which causes problems when they get lost or broken. **No toys must be brought into school** for this reason.
- This **does include** any kind of 'fidget toy'. We refer to them as 'Focus Tools' in school as they should aid learning and concentration, rather than distract. If your child needs to have something to support them then this will be allocated by the school, following a discussion between parents, the class teacher and our Inclusion Lead, Ms Bunzl.
- We previously allowed notepads and pens but these are becoming increasingly elaborate so we are now asking that these stay at home as well. As part of OPAL, we open Bell House each day where there is a supply of drawing and colouring items that the children can use. We are always grateful for any donations!

Clothing:

- **Children should not be wearing jewellery.** Stud earrings are allowed but please nothing that hangs from the ear, necklaces or bracelets. There is a risk that this will get caught on another child and cause injury to either party.
- Hopefully we will see some warm weather over the next couple of months. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for school:
 - **Shoes must be safe for running** around on the playground (no open toes or flip-flops)
 - **Trainers must be worn on PE days** – children will not be able to take part if they are wearing shoes that are unsafe for running around
 - **No cropped-tops** instead of t-shirts

Drop-off/ collection

- **Only children in Year 5 and 6 should be left in the playground unsupervised** in the morning. There are no school adults on duty at this time. Gates open at 8:40am.
- During drop-off and collection periods, **scooters and bikes must not be ridden on the playground.** The space is crowded and we must do our best to prevent accidents.

I have included key dates in the table below for your information and we are all looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 1st June for the last half term of this academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Natasha Tilley

Headteacher

June	
1 st	Children return to school
1 st – 12 th	Year 4 - Multiplication Times Tables Check
6 th	OPAL Big Build Day – see separate email
8 th – 12 th	Year 1 – Phonics Screening Check
9 th	Sports Day
22 nd – 26 th June	Music Performance Week – details to follow for children involved

July	
1 st	September 2027 Reception Intake Visit 10am and 2pm
3 rd	Halstow Pride Celebration
5 th	Friends of Halstow Summer Fair
6 th	Reports sent to parents
8 th	Open Evening and Art Exhibition
10 th	10am and 6pm Year 6 Performance to parents
15 th	Year 6 Leavers' Celebration 6-7pm
15 th	Year 6 End of Year Party 7-8:30pm
16 th	Last day of the school year