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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of the summer term, in addition to news in our final Greensheet, I wanted to write to you to outline some important news, as well as to provide you with a few timely reminders.

Fundraising and PTA

Our newly-established PTA is looking to start fundraising before the end of term! Their first venture will be **'Lollies on the Lawn'** where they will be selling lollies outside school for **£1 each to raise money** for the School Fund on **Friday 11th July and Thursday 17th July**. It would be great if as many parents as possible can support us by sending your child to school with £1. We also have card readers available.

If you are interested in getting involved in the PTA, please contact our [info@](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) email address and we can put you in touch with Candice, who is our temporary Chair. The first official inaugural PTA meeting will be on **Wednesday 10th September at 5p.m. online**. This meeting will be used to set up the committee and to decide on how any funds raised by the PTA should be spent.

Next year, responding to feedback from our parent focus groups, we will be asking for a voluntary parental contribution of either £10 per month or £50 per year. We understand that that some parents will not be able to afford a contribution. Letters will go out to parents on our return in September.

Art, DT and Textiles Exhibition this Wednesday

Please drop by to see the Art, DT and Textiles exhibitions on Wednesday from 4pm this week. Students' work is always so inspiring so please come and support us and prepare to be amazed at the standard of their work!

Weather forecast for later this week

The weather forecast is for hot weather again towards the end of the week. If it looks like temperatures will be over 30 degrees, we will implement the same plan as last week. If this is the case, we will send out a message via Parentmail.

End of term arrangements:

- Students will be dismissed from 12.30 onwards. This will be a non-uniform day and the chosen charity will be Red Cross/Red Crescent





Start of Term and New School day:

I wanted to remind you about the arrangements for the start of term and the timings for our new school day.

- Start of term: INSET day on 1st September
- 2nd September:
 - Year 7s: 10.30 - 3.30
 - Years 8-11: 11.10 - 12.30: Students collect timetables and have a welcome assembly
- 3rd September onwards: Students arrive between 8.15 - 8.40, going straight to period 1 at 8.45.

New School Day timings:

Student arrival: 8.40 for 8.45

Lesson 1: 8.45 - 9.45

Lesson 2: 9.45 - 10.45

Break: 10.45 - 11.05

Lesson 3: 11.05 – 12.05

Form period: 12.05 – 12.25

Lunch: 12.25 - 1.15

Lesson 4: 1.15 - 2.15

Lesson 5: 2.15 - 3.15

Student Equipment for the new school year

It is important that all students are fully-equipped for the new school year. Please ensure that your child returns with all of the following items as these may not be provided by teachers.

- Fully-equipped pencil case, including black or blue pens; HB pencil; ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener
- Calculator; Casio FX-83GTX
- Glue stick
- Purple pen
- Tissues
- Sanitary products when required
- Mathematical instruments set; protractor, compass
- Small set of coloured pencils
- Reading book

Any parents who think they will not be able to provide the following equipment, please contact info@ and we will be able to support you with this.



Dates for your diary:

- Monday 1st September – INSET Day
- Monday 8th September – Year 7 & 10 School Photos
- Thursday 25th September – Open evening for Year 6's - School to close early timings to be confirmed
- Thursday 25th September - European Day of Languages Bake Off
- Friday 26th September – Late start due to early closure
- Wednesday 8th October – INSET Day
- Tuesday 14th October – College Roadshow for year 11 students
- Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October – Half term

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and kindness throughout the year and for sending your wonderful daughters to the school. I wish you all a relaxing holiday.

Best wishes

Helen Marriott

Headteacher