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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a change in the weather! Only last week I was walking through snow and an icy wind! The children are enjoying the benefits of the warmer weather – namely playing on the grass at break and dinner. Just a short newsletter this time but we are all looking forward to a very busy but enjoyable and successful summer term.

Year 6 SATS

I am sure that all parents of Year 6 children know that from the coming Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May the year 6 children will be sitting their SATS tests. The timetable of SATS is below:

	Monday 9th	Tuesday 10th	Wednesday 11th	Thursday 12th
am	Reading Test	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	Maths Paper 1 Arithmetic Test Maths Paper 2	Maths Paper 3

Everyone in school has been working very hard in preparation for the tests throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns please get in touch with me or the Year 6 teachers. The Year 6 team are sending out a separate letter today for Year 6 parents.

Well Done to the Choir

Well done to the choir and Mrs Hindmarch for attending the St George's Day singing event. I know the children had a great time and were brilliant representatives of our school. Well done, too, to Mrs Marks' class for their broom dancing. They enjoyed themselves, performed really well and were excellent ambassadors of the school.

Administration of Medicines in School

Whenever possible we ask parents to administer their children's medicines themselves. We know that this may not be possible at all times and that it may be necessary for school staff to administer medicines. For safe practice can you please ensure that a parental consent form for the administration of medicines is fully completed if you want us to administer medicine to your child. Without a fully completed medicines form staff will not be able to administer medicine. Forms can be obtained from the office or downloaded from the 'Noticeboard' area of the school website.

PTFA Events and Fundraising

Our PTFA continue to work hard to organise events that are thoroughly enjoyed by the children and raise money that is spent on improving things in school for every child's benefit. Well done last term; the Mothers' Day gifts and cards and Easter disco were very successful. This term the PTFA will be buying all the Year 6 children a leavers' hoodie and will be funding their end of year celebrations as well as purchasing other items that will be enjoyed by the other children in school. Thank you.

Internet Safety at Home

It has been brought to my attention on more than one occasion this year that children are accessing web sites and material at home on the internet that is not meant for children. I have been made aware also of parents who have found it difficult to monitor their children and set up safe filters for children's internet use. This link <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> takes you to a very useful NSPCC web site for parents. If you have a spare 15 minutes or so, a quick look at this could prove very beneficial.

Sun Safety

Now we are starting to have a bit more sunshine, a reminder about sun safety. Skin cancer is now the most common and fastest rising cancer in the UK. Malignant melanoma, the deadliest form of the disease is now the most common cancer in young adults aged 15-34. Burning as a young child can cause irreparable damage to a child's delicate skin that over time can develop with serious

Portway Junior School, alongside Derby City Council, is committed to promoting equal opportunities, valuing diversity and tackling social exclusion in everything it does. Our aim is equality for everyone who lives, works and visits our school.

Please contact the school, in the first instance, if you have any questions or concerns about school.

consequences. However, the good news is that skin cancer is almost entirely preventable and simple steps can be undertaken to ensure that your child's skin is protected from the sun's harmful rays.

Can I ask that all parents/carers apply sunscreen before school and provide both appropriate sun hats and quality sunscreen for your children that are to remain at school at all times during the months May through to the end of September. This is necessary to ensure that your children always have access to the appropriate items that will help protect them from over exposure to UV during outdoor activities and break times - the majority of which are taken at the hottest times of the day, when UV penetration is at its strongest.

Sun hats should be either legionnaire or broad brimmed, bucket style hats that shade the face, neck and ears. Sunscreen should have a minimum sun protection factor (SPF) 30 with minimum 4 star UVA protection. Sunscreen will be applied by the children before extended periods of time outdoors such as lunch breaks when UV penetration is at its peak. Both these items should be labelled with your child's name and class and kept in school bags or trays.

New School Website

We are in the process of developing a new school website and it will be ready very soon. We'll let you know when we have a launch date.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Can I thank everyone who has sent in Sainsbury's vouchers already this year and remind you that the last day to send the vouchers to school is Monday 27th June. This will allow us time to count, place the order and send the vouchers by the closing date.

Online Payments

Thank you to parents who use the online payment system 'School Money'. The system is only used to collect payments for school trips, dinner money etc. We do not use School Money to manage the administration of school meals. This is managed on a software called Tuscai. Therefore, there are no meals taken recorded on the online system.

Dates

W.C. 9 May	SATS Week
WC 16 May	Test Week 5
Sat 21 May	Y3 to Lea Green
Thu 26 May	11.00am Year 5 Assembly at Woodlands Church
Fri 27 May	Break Up
Mon Jun 6	Start Back (Clubs Start for 6 weeks)
Wed 15 Jun	Staff Governor Meeting
Fri 17 Jun	INSET Day
WC 27 Jun	Year 6 to PGL
Mon 4 Jul	New Y3 Induction Eve
Tue 5 Jul	Common Transfer Day
WC 4 Jul	Test Week 6
Thu 7 Jul	9.30am Sports Day (reserve Jul 8)
Wed 13 Jul	2.00pm Summer Musical Concert – Please note this date has changed from June
Tue 19 Jul	Reports Out
Wed 20 Jul	Last Swimming lesson for Year 4
Wed 20 Jul	6.30pm Y6 Leavers' Production
Mon 25 Jul	Parents Evening – Drop Ins
	6.00-7.30pm Y6 Leavers' BBQ and Disco (Please note date change)
Tue 26 Jul	End of Year

J. Pass
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