Here comes the Summer!

It is really hard to believe that we are entering the third and final term of the school year. It has been great to watch your children develop over the past two terms and we hope that with all the opportunities for learning and the experiences that we have planned, for the coming term, that this will continue.

It was fantastic that so many of you were able to support your children in their performance at the Royal Albert Hall. We are sure you will agree that this was an amazing night and one, we hope, the children will remember for a very long time.

And, as we enter this term, you will see from the list of dates below, the final third of the year is shaping up to be as busy, if not busier, than those that have come before. So far, events planned include: a visit to the Science Museum; an Enabling Enterprise trip; Sports Day; Bikeability Training; a visit to the Magic Circle and a Year Group Assembly.

We all value the wide and varied experiences that are offered to your children, here at Pelham, and appreciate your on-going support of all that we do. Your generous contributions to the school fund ensure that we are able to continue to offer these extra-curricular opportunities, and on behalf of the children we thank you for that.

We look forward to seeing you at the range of events over this coming term, but if, in the meantime, you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or any other member of the Year 5 team.

For your information, the topics that we will be studying this term are as follows:

English: Dramatic conventions; Classic older literature; Classic narrative poems
Mathematics: Fractions; decimals and percentages; Properties of shape, Measure
Science: Life cycles of animals and plants – reproduction; Animals, including humans – Changes until old age
Computing: Spreadsheets, Databases
History: Anglo Saxons and Scots
Art/DT: Linked to topic on Anglo-Saxons; Designing board games
Music: Class Assembly; Dancing in the Street (Motown)
PSHE: Well-being; Preparing for change
RE: The Bible; What is faith?
French: Time; Weather; Music and instruments
PE: Hockey / Athletics (Wednesdays)
Cricket / Tennis (Thursdays)

Additional Adults
Mrs. Greer Tue (am) / Wed (all day))
Mrs. Sharkey (French – Tuesday (am))
Mrs. Miller; Ms. Lambert
Homework:
The children continue to impress us with their positive attitude to homework. Once again, thank you for encouraging them in this endeavor. As a reminder;

Reading: Please encourage your child to read on a daily basis.

Spellings: These are given out on a weekly basis (Monday) and tested in school. The words chosen come from a range of sources including children's own writing, spelling patterns and topic based vocabulary.

Maths homework: This is given out on a Monday, to be returned on Thursday.

English homework: This is given out on Thursday, to be returned the following Monday.

Summer Term Project: The summer term project will be based upon our studies from last term on Rivers. We will discuss possible lines of enquiry and interests that the children may have, in class, and then set a date for the projects to be completed by.

Selected dates for the term: (Further details will follow)
A full list of dates is available on the school website

26th April – Rock Steady Concert (2:50pm)
6th May – Bank Holliday (School closed)
10th May – Bikeability Training
17th May – KS2 Quiz Night (6:00pm – 7:00pm)
20th May – WWF Dress-up Day
22nd May – Year 5 Assembly
23rd May – Last day of Term
24th May – INSET (School closed)

27th – 31st May: Half Term
3rd June – Start of Term
4th June – Secondary School evening for Year 5 parents at Wimbledon Chase
5th June – Trip to the Science Museum
6th June – Doves’ Enabling Enterprise trip (White Stuff)
7th June – PTA social event for parents
21st June – Health and Well-Being Day
23rd June (Sunday) – PTA Summer Fair (12:00pm – 3:00pm)
24th June – Enabling Enterprise Week
28th June – Link French School visit

Further Information:

Year 5 Assembly
We will be presenting our assembly on 22nd May, at 9:10am. It will be great to see as many of you there, as possible, to be “informed, educated and entertained” by the children, as they share some of the learning that has been taking place in Year 5 this year.

End of Year Reports
Although we do not have a Parent’s Evening this term, as the annual class teacher report will be sent home on 10th July, you will be offered the opportunity to discuss the report, if you feel you need to, on Thursday 18th July. There will be an opportunity for parents of children with SSPs to discuss progress and targets later this term (dates and time to be arranged).

School Uniform
Whilst, on most occasions, the children come to school wearing the appropriate school uniform, can we remind you that children should be wearing black shoes (not trainers or boots), no jewelry (apart from watches and stud earrings) and a tie that is done up (not elastic.) As we prepare the children for moving up into Year 6, we would like all of them to be able to do up a tie properly. Please ensure that your child has one, and we will set about teaching them how to do it up!

And finally...
As you can see there is a lot planned for this term. Please check ParentMail regularly and acknowledge / give permission for trips and events as soon as possible. It can take up a lot time to chase up late replies.