Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break and soaked up the glorious weather. With crossed fingers that the sunshine and warmer weather are here to stay, can we remind you to provide: a bottle of water for your child; a hat; and sun lotion being applied on appropriate days (as well as a coat, for if our crossed fingers fail)! In addition, please ensure your children’s uniforms are clearly named, their jumpers particularly, as the children begin to take them off and our Lost Property often overflows this term!

The Spring Term was such a thrilling and successful time, with the children making so much progress in their learning, as well as performing at The Royal Albert Hall. Everyone is so incredibly proud of all they have achieved so far this year and we are excited to see what they will do in their remaining weeks in Year 5. We enter this term with equal measures of excitement for all that lies ahead, as you will see from the list of dates below. So far, events planned include: a visit to the Science Museum; an Enabling Enterprise trip to Gowling WLG (an law firm offices in 18 cities around the world); Sports Day; Bikeability Training; a visit to the Magic Circle and a Year Group Assembly.

We greatly 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 are also incredibly grateful for the support you give the children in their additional work/learning, as it does, so significantly, aid their motivation and concentration, not to mention the wonderful projects the children have brought in!

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:** Sketching, designing, making and decorating Anglo-Saxon jewelry and helmets

**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 (Tuesdays)

Cricket / Tennis (Mondays)
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. These should be done every day, using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method.

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

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

Summer Term Project: The Summer Term project will be based upon our studies of the Anglo Saxons and the Scots. 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:
A full list of dates is available on the school website

- 26th April – Rock Steady Concert (2:50pm)
- 6th May – Bank Holiday (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

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.

Please can you also ensure that your child has the necessary stationary and equipment in their pencil cases (ruler, glue, scissors, pencil and sharpener), to enable them to complete their work more accurately and efficiently.