

**Value of the week:**

This week Mrs Dallas took assembly on Monday. She talked about growth mindset, reminding children that having a go is more important than getting it right. We also discussed the importance of saying to ourselves when tasks get tricky that 'I can't do it yet' and we should not give up. This is really important throughout the school, but we are particularly proud of our Year 2 children this week who have been completing their "special work" or "quizzes" – they have put their hearts and souls into their effort – and this has often meant the double whammy of getting things right as well as having a go! Just to remind you, the SATs in Year 2 are part of the teacher assessment judgement that staff submit by the end of June: you will receive information about your child's attainment levels with their reports.

Of course, that growth mindset and willingness to have a go is important in every year group, and we are particularly proud of the children below who have demonstrated this this week:

**Achiever of the week:**

Minibeasts: Alfie N  
Minibeasts: Sebastian H & Ezmay MacD  
Tigers: Brenn C  
Zebras: Jack C  
Penguins: the whole class!  
Giraffes: Liam B  
Lions: Freya H  
Meerkats: Jack B  
Eagles: Jemma

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Minibeasts: Heldon E  
Minibeasts: Rayhan G  
Tigers: Sarah G  
Zebras: Riley P  
Penguins: the whole class!  
Giraffes: Molly S  
Lions: Samuel G  
Meerkats: Jack G  
Eagles: Ava J

**Changes and reminders for next week: assessment week for Years 1, 3, 4 and 5**

Monday	Swimming for children in Year 4 and 5
Tuesday	Meerkats' Pizzeria: 2.30pm: if you haven't got your ticket, please speak to the class teacher.
Wednesday	Lions' Pizzeria: 2.30pm: if you haven't got your ticket, please speak to the class teacher.
Thursday	Giraffes' Pizzeria: 2.30pm: if you haven't got your ticket, please speak to the class teacher.
Friday	Year 1/2 Pop-up bakery 9-10 am - please stay after drop off It will be held in the Primary Entrance outside or in classrooms if wet weather: bring some change please!

**Swimming:**

**We had a lot of children without swimming kit on Monday. If your child is in Year 4 and 5, and they are due to swim, please do not let them forget it! This is a requirement of the National Curriculum.**

### Notes and reminders...

There will be no homework set for Zebras and Penguins this week due to children needing a well-deserved rest. Homework will be set again next week ready for the half term break.

**Attendance: 96.7%** Please be reminded that holidays should not be taken in term time. At Heyford Park we have a two-week holiday in October through starting the Summer term a little earlier: this two week break is an opportunity to take holidays outside 'term time' nationally. If your child is not in school, they are missing out on vital learning opportunities as well as developing and maintaining friendships.

### Pizzeria – a message from KS2 staff:

The children in Years 3 and 4 have been enjoying learning about Italy over the last few weeks, and are looking forward to inviting you to their Class Pizzeria, which will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 22nd May - Meerkats

Wednesday 23rd May - Lions

Thursday 24th May - Giraffes

All of the events will take place in the afternoon, from 2.30pm. Invitations were sent out during the week and adults were invited to reserve a space. This included a reply slip: please return this as soon as possible so that we know how much food to prepare. In order to cover the cost of the ingredients each ticket will cost £3 and should be returned with the reply slip. I'm sure you can imagine our entrepreneurial children are looking forward to welcoming you!

### Uniform Reminders:

Please ensure all uniform is named. It is tricky for children to identify their jumpers and other items without a name. This was particularly noticeable at swimming on Monday.

### Reception Notes and Reminders:

- ✓ Please remember to bring in any pet photographs for our class display if available.
- ✓ Evidence slips have been sent home previously: "Tell me about..." Please ask the children to tell you about their family (parents/siblings/grandparents/aunts/uncles) a holiday or fun family experience/day out. Send them in early next week to be added to their personal profiles.
- ✓ Next week the children will be planting flowers with Mrs Saxton. If children could help with taking care of the garden or planting over the weekend, photos on '2simple' would be great evidence for physical skills and Understanding of the World.

### Dates for your diary:

week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> May – assessment week for Years 1, 3, 4 and 5

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3/4 pop-up restaurant for parents – see above

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1/2 pop-up bakery

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Giraffes to the farm for their final "summer" visit.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Lions to the farm for their final "summer" visit.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Welcome evening for parents of children starting in Reception in September 2018 (a letter will go out to these families soon)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Meerkats to the farm for their final “summer” visit.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Eagles to the farm for their final “summer” visit.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Meerkats’ residential trip

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July – 12 noon to 4pm – Summer Fete

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Transition or “Move Up Day” for children currently in Nursery to Year 5 (more details to follow)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in the morning and Key Stage 2 (Years 3-5) in the afternoon: more details to come, but parents and carers will be welcome to watch and I know many of you like to take time off work if possible. (Reserve date will be

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July in case of bad weather on the Monday)

Summer School (compulsory for children currently in school) Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

August

Children return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.