

Dear Parents / Carers,

Open evenings are scheduled from Monday to Thursday next week and individual time slots have been agreed so that the evenings run as smoothly as possible. Inevitably meetings can overrun and the knock on effect can be an issue. I have asked staff to look to keep to schedule and I would be grateful if parents / carers do the same. If there is a particular issue that needs additional time then it might be better to see if another appointment needs to be made rather than knocking everything out of schedule. A reminder that no after school clubs are running during parents evenings, the new courses will start in the Autumn Term. Y6 have made their own arrangements for an Open day on the 17th.

This is also the day of the SAPA Sports and Fun day, weather permitting. Plans for the day are well advanced and the new team are working hard to emulate the success of last and previous years, where SAPA leaders / teams have excelled themselves and done a fantastic job, but for that they do need your help. It seems one area where we are very low is in donations of bottles for the Wheel of Fortune and SAPA are hoping that every family can donate one at least before the big day itself. These can be left at the school office or handed in to teachers if you would be so kind.

Further news will be forthcoming from the team as we approach the big day but I can say that we have some fantastic raffle prizes and super spins already. We expect the usual big turnout for what is always a really fantastic St Gregory's Community day.

Thank you for sending the children so well prepared for the trips and visits season and also being mindful of the current lovely weather. Children have hats, water bottles and have had sun block generously applied - this is good news. Parental support for trips and visits has also been excellent - thank you for sparing the time to help. We have at least four parents at the beach with Y3 and Y4 today - they will need the weekend to recover.

I can't recall such an extended spell of hot weather since 1977, when I was working the summer on the parks cutting grass! 1976 of course was legendary as a glorious summer and as I recall as a child, 1966 was hot and sunny too, but that might be because it was that special World Cup year and everything has a bit of a rosy hue. Let's hope the football excitement continues for a little while longer - enjoy the game on Saturday.

I look forward to seeing you all in the next week or two.

Best Wishes.

Yours Sincerely,

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