

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: **IMPORTANT** summer information and holidays in term time.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Holidays in term time and absence generally

As summer looms, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that school will not authorise holidays in term times and any holidays taken will be classed as unauthorised, the Isle of Wight case has not changed the Local Authority or school approach to term time holidays.

As a school we review each request individually and if it fulfils exceptional circumstances, then leave may be granted. However, the following are examples of what **will not** meet the criteria and **will be classed as unauthorised**:

- Relatives coming to visit,
- Cheaper holidays,
- Just taking a holiday,
- Trips, birthdays, special occasions,
- Visiting family / friends who have different holidays or who live abroad.

If you take your child away from school for a period of 10 sessions or more (2 sessions in a day = one day, so 10 sessions is one week) and it has not been authorised, this is classed as an offence and under these regulations you will be subject to a fine from the Local Authority, with the proceeds going to the Local Authority.

I am sorry to need to remind you of this again as I do in each newsletter, and I thank each of you who have worked hard to ensure your child is in school regularly and on time. For the vast majority of you, this will not be an issue and again we thank you.

Sun

We encourage children to wear appropriate sun protection (cream, hats etc.) but for obvious reasons school staff do not put sun cream on your child. Many parents put cream on in the morning and find that this is sufficient for the day. However, we are happy for your child to bring in cream (with their name on!) to put on themselves and teachers will give children time to do this.

Please remember that the school uniform still applies in the sunny weather, with sensible footwear, school colours for clothing and so on. We are very conscious of maintaining our school unity with uniform and as such ask you to support us with following the uniform expectations; small changes always lead to bigger ones which have a noticeable impact on pupils' attitudes in school and towards their learning. Please check our website if you are unsure of the school uniform.

We thank you for supporting this and helping us to ensure your child is safe in the sun.



Summer dates to be aware of

As published in the newsletter at the end of last term, here are some key summer dates to take note of. There will be additions all of the time, (Area Sports has already changed date since the newsletter!) so please continue to watch out for letters and texts. You can also check our website for letters and newsletters if you think you have missed any.

May	
Monday 1 st May	May Day Bank holiday – School closed
W/comm Monday 8th May	Year 6's SATs test and whole school test week
Tuesday 23 rd May	1.30 p.m. Sports Day
Friday 26 th May	3.30 p.m. School closes for the end of half-term
June	
Monday 5 th June	9.00 a.m. School re-opens – Term starts
Wednesday 7 th June	Class and Y6 leaver photos
w/comm Monday 12 th June	Y1 Phonics testing to be completed during this week
Wednesday 14 th June	Area Sports 6 – 7 / 7.30 p.m
Thursday 15 th June	Final open morning
Saturday 17 th June	Summer fair
Tuesday 20 th June	Back up sports day #1
Wednesday 21 st June	Y6 transition day #1
Thursday 22 nd June	Y6 transition day #2 Whole school move up day. School 10 to 11, new to EYFS 10.30 to 11.30
W/C 26 th June	Sports Week
Tuesday 27 th June	Maths and sport problem solving morning
Wednesday 28 th June	Y6 camp (Wed to Fri)
July	
Wednesday 5 th July	6.00 p.m. New to Reception 2017 Parents Evening
Saturday 8 th July	Patchway Festival (Y6) 12.15 to 1.00
Monday 17 th July	EYFS concert to parents 9.30 KS2 Production afternoon 1.30 start
Monday 17 th July	Parents evening / open classroom, view work & collect Reports 3:45 to 5.30 p.m.
Tuesday 18 th and	KS2 Production 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday 19 th July	KS2 Production 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 20 th July	1.30 p.m. Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 20 th July	3.30 p.m. School closes for the summer for pupils
Friday 21 st July	INSET(5 of 5) – school closed to pupils

Here's to a great summer!
Darren Brown and everyone at St Chad's

