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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy half term so far and we can hardly believe that it will be the half term break at the end of next week.

We have been enjoying the good weather and as we move into the summer period we would like to remind everyone of our uniform policy to ensure that all children continue to look smart and feel a sense of belonging to our school community. Please see the uniform policy attached at the end of this letter for your reference and we ask that you pay specific attention to appropriate footwear.

Our Year 6 pupils completed their statutory tests (SATs) this week which have to take place on specific dates and at allocated times. Their papers are sent off for external marking and the results are given to us in July. The children demonstrated such positive attitudes and resilience during the tests as well as a deep sense of consideration for one another. We are very proud of them and hope that they feel pride in their achievements. We would like to thank parents and carers for their support in getting the children into school early to enjoy their special SATs breakfast cooked by chef which does seem to settle them well for the day ahead. I would also like to thank those parents and carers who have conveyed their thanks to the staff for the way in which the children were prepared for the process and have commented that their children were looking forward to the week!

We do remind the children that whilst these tests are an opportunity for them to demonstrate how much they have learnt, they cannot possibly showcase the range of skills, talents and interests they have developed; it is these qualities that we must nurture and treasure above all.

Our Year 1 children have enjoyed a colourful day in Mexico in their classrooms today with amazing outfits, art activities, food tasting, dance and so much more to capture their learning over this half term.

In Nursery the children (and staff!) have danced throughout the day for their Danceathon fundraising day. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting this. The children should sleep well tonight!

The sun was shining for us at our Community Club gardening session last Sunday. The pond was cleaned and had a new water fountain pump added, picnic benches were repainted, bark safety chippings were spread under the play equipment and lots of weeding took place which pleased Wendy immensely! We enjoyed sausages and smores cooked on the campfire too - thank you to everyone who joined in to make it such a successful session.

A little reminder that we have the photographer in school on Friday 6th June to take the class photographs.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Helen Carvall

Expectations for School Uniform

School Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform which makes the children look smart and have a sense of belonging to the Rockmount community. All children at Rockmount are expected to wear school uniform:

General Uniform

- royal blue fleece jacket (for wearing outside only)
- royal blue cardigan or school sweatshirt
- grey trousers or skirt
- royal blue jogging bottoms (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 children only)
- white or blue shirt or polo shirt
- black, flat shoes or plain black trainers with black laces (***please note that shoes and trainers must be completely black without coloured logos etc***)
- black or grey tights
- white or grey socks

In summer pupils may wear:

- blue/white checked dress
- grey shorts
- Rockmount school cap or plain sunhat
- black, brown, navy or white flat sandals

PE and Sports kit (Years 1-6)

All children wear their PE kit to school on days when they have a PE lesson. There is no need to bring a change of clothes as the children can remain in their Rockmount PE kit/tracksuit (jogging bottoms and sweatshirt) all day. (On days when they are not timetabled to have PE they will continue to wear full school uniform, as usual)

- royal blue shorts or unbranded royal blue/black jogging bottoms
- royal blue, black or grey plain (unbranded) leggings may be worn underneath shorts for warmth in cold weather
- royal blue sweatshirt
- plimsolls (plain black trainers may be worn outside only -please note that trainers must be completely black without coloured logos etc)
- plain white t-shirt or white Rockmount t-shirt
- Swimming (Years 4, 5, 6) - swimwear and a towel (no bikinis)

Jewellery

- Plain watches may be worn (no 'smart' watches)
- Earrings may only be worn if they are small, plain studs
- No other jewellery is permitted
- Nail varnish is not permitted

Children wearing inappropriate footwear may be given school plimsolls to wear for the day.

We request that longer hair (shoulder length) is tied back for reasons of health and safety.