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Welcome Back – Summer Term

Dear families,

I hope you all had a relaxing Easter and managed to have a break with your children. It was great to welcome all of your children back nice and early this morning, bright eyed and ready to work hard. It always fills me with excitement starting a new term full of new opportunities and a fresh start for every child.

The summer term brings a packed calendar of events, including sports days, transitions to new classes in the second half of the term and of course the Year 6 SATs and Year 4 multiplication check (letters to follow). This term in particular has a few long weekends, the King's coronation and more proposed strike days. I will share more information about these events nearer the time and by the end of this week I will share a calendar of events for the next 6 weeks. The Year 6 teachers will also share information about end of year and leavers events so families of Year 6 children, please watch out for this communication.

All letters will be texted to families and uploaded to our website. I am sharing this letter electronically and also as a paper copy so it reaches every family. Please ensure you are signed up to the MCAS app so you do not miss any communications from school – see Mrs Neary or Mrs Studd in the office if you have not yet set this up.

A few polite reminders:

- Clubs will continue as they did before the Easter holiday.
- Doors open at 8:45am until 9am. If your child arrives between 9am and 9:10am, they will need to come through the main office and will be registered with a late code (L).
- When dropping off and collecting in a car, please do not stop on the yellow zig-zag lines or block any drive ways. Not only is it inconsiderate to our neighbours and potentially dangerous, but I get emails from understandably annoyed residents which then take time to reply to. We pay the cricket club an annual fee so staff, visitors and families can use the car park, so I thank you in advance for making use of it.
- Scooters and bikes must not be ridden on the school playground.
- Football must not be played before the school day.
- Dogs are not allowed on the playground.
- Please speak to your child's teacher about any day-to-day issues as they will be best placed to help.

Finally, I would like to share the excellent news that Miss Burns has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher (Head of Inclusion) as of Easter. She will continue in her role as SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator). The appointment has been made to provide longevity to the leadership team at SKA, which over the past 2 years has seen great instability. Congratulations Miss Burns! The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) as of the Summer Term is made up of myself as Head of School, and Mrs Stephenson and Miss Burns as Assistant Headteachers.

I thank you for your ongoing support and will look forward to a busy term.

Mr Adam Potter
Head of School