



## Downside Primary School

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Dear parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! The start back to the term has been busy in Reception – with our children visiting Wendover Woods in search of the Gruffalo!

### **Eid**

I am aware that Eid is most likely to be on Sunday or Monday – meaning the children are already off school, as Monday is a Bank holiday. Those children who celebrate on either of these days will be expected to be at school on Tuesday – as the day off would not be for religious observance – instead it is an unauthorised day off. Teaching will take place on Tuesday and missing the day will be detrimental for the children – especially those in Year 6 who only have a four day week to complete their SATs preparation.

I am aware there is a small chance that some children may celebrate Eid on Tuesday – if this is the case, please let the school know.

The school will be celebrating Eid with an Eid lunch on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – this also coincides with the end of Year 6 SATs so it is a great day for celebrating!

### **Parking**

An email was sent out earlier this term asking parents not to use the plumbing merchant's car park opposite the school for drop off / collection. This request was made by the business, as it is affecting their trade and their deliveries. As I stand at the gate, I know how busy that car park gets and would ask that you park in one of the retail park car parks – they are not much further from the school. I have noticed that the car park has been slightly less busy with parents since I sent the email – thank you to all those parents who have changed where you park.

As a reminder, school is SHUT on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for the Bank Holiday. I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend and for all those who celebrate Eid, I hope you have a fantastic celebration with family and friends.

Yours sincerely,

