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Dear Families,

As you know, school attendance is extremely important nationally, and it is something we take great pride in here at St. Mary's.

During my recent termly meeting with the local authority, I was absolutely delighted to find that our school's attendance compares very favourably with other Stockport schools. Currently, our whole school attendance stands at 96.36%, compared to the national average of 94.89%. This is due to the commitment that our families show and I extend my thanks to you all.

We all share a collective responsibility for this success, and every day of attendance counts towards our whole-school figure. With just over three weeks left until the summer break, it would be incredible, if where possible, all children can be in school, on time, every day. Please note that in line with Department for Education (DfE) guidance, term-time holidays cannot be authorised.

Thank you so much for your continued support in helping our children thrive!

St. Mary's Sports Day is on Wednesday 8th July.

The weather forecast is looking positive, and we are confident that our annual Sports Day will go ahead on Wednesday. The children will need hats, sun cream applied and water bottles and it looks to be a sunny one!

Event Timings:

- EYFS & KS1: 10:00 am – 11:00 am
- KS2: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Our school field will feature stations focusing on athletic activities and each class will be split into teams that will rotate so every child gets a chance to participate in every activity.

You are more than welcome to move around the field with your child's team to cheer them on!

We are delighted to share that the PTA has organised a coffee van, 'Coffee Bean Dream' to attend! It will be situated in the car park so our families can purchase a drink and enjoy refreshments before, during and after the events. They have also kindly purchased each child an 'ice pop' to cool them down after the exertion, that they will enjoy in class.

They are also selling raffle tickets in preparation for the summer fair. They are available from the school office or to purchase via school money. They are £1 each and we have a range of fabulous prizes!

Please refrain from taking photographs of other children and posting them to social media during the event. Our staff will be moving around to capture photos of all the groups, which we will proudly share (if we have consent) on our school website and X.

What your child needs:

- Clothing: St. Mary's PE kit (white t-shirt, black shorts, and trainers).
- Sun Protection: Please apply sun cream before school, and send your child with a sun hat and a full water bottle.

Once the children have finished their events, we will host a parent race at the end of each sports day, for a bit of fun!

Following the end of the Key Stage 2 sports day, parents will be able to take their children (and any siblings) home directly, provided they are accompanied by a responsible adult. We will open the usual gate once the event has finished and children can be taken from classrooms doors as usual. Where this is not possible children will be dismissed as usual at 3:20pm.

To ensure the safety of our community, I respectfully ask that families do not park on Broomfield Drive. Instead, we highly encourage everyone to "park and stride" —parking a little further away and walking the final stretch to school on what hopes to be a sunny, fun- filled day!

We look forward to seeing as many of you there for a fantastic day of sport and fun!

Warm regards,

Mrs D. Faryniarz