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Dear Parents and Carers

The summer term is well underway and it was wonderful to enjoy the sun and watch the whole school at our Maypole event! Another feature event of any school calendar is Sports Day and I'm super excited that ours is just around the corner on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – and just like last year includes our PFA run Summer Social after the sport festivities conclude. All children (including Nursery children) will compete for themselves and as a team as they collect points for their coloured houses. The morning will be dedicated to field events and children will work together to earn points through throwing, jumping and multi-skills activities. The afternoon track events will be a festival atmosphere and we would love to invite parents and family to come and watch the event – why not bring a picnic and some picnic chairs. Every child will take part in at least one race (and in most cases at least 2) in the afternoon and we have a wide variety of fun races, sprints, hurdles and mixed team races.

### Parking

Parking last year was really tight (which is a good thing because we want everyone to come out and enjoy the day with us). However, to try and make things easier, Holt Football club have allowed us to use their car parks. If you are able to (and don't have young children) why not give their car park a go first. They have a car park at the club house and another a little further along the road. It is then a short walk along the road to school where the side gate will be open.

The school gates at the back of school will open at 12.50pm and parking marshals will help direct the flow of traffic to ensure that we can get all parents safely parked for a prompt 1.15pm start. There will be a dedicated area for all friends and family to sit away from the children but in a great position where you will be able to see all the action. The PFA have kindly agreed to provide tea, coffee and refreshments for the event. We will finish at approximately 2.45pm and children will be collected from the classrooms as normal.



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## What your child needs on the day

- Children should come to school in their normal PE kit. (Black shorts and green St James' T-Shirt, there will be no need for jogging bottoms or base layers).
- Please apply sun cream in the morning before school. We will be providing additional shelter on the field to ensure children are not sat in the sun all afternoon.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle, there will be plenty of opportunities to refill throughout the day.
- Children should come to school with a sun hat, this does not need to be a St James' hat.

## Nursery Races

The Nursery will be involved in events in the morning and will join the main school for races in the afternoon. We anticipate this being about 2pm. It doesn't matter if your children are not booked into Nursery that day, if you bring them along everyone will get a chance to race.

## Summer Social

The fun doesn't end with Sports Day! As per last year, we have combined this event with our PFA Summer Social which will kick off after the conclusion of the live sport. There is lots to look forward to with many stalls, bouncy castle, tombolas, raffles, games and a BBQ.

## We Need Your Help

Finally, we have planned the event to run as smoothly as possible but need the support of the community to help us set up for the event, ensure it runs efficiently and we are packed away in good time. If you are able to help with any of the times below, please e-mail the office to volunteer.

20<sup>th</sup> May (16.00 – 17.00) Event Shelter Set Up and Parking Layout (Many hands make light work)

13.15 – 14.45 – Finish Line Support (2 or 3 volunteers)

Yours faithfully



Mr Lawford

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