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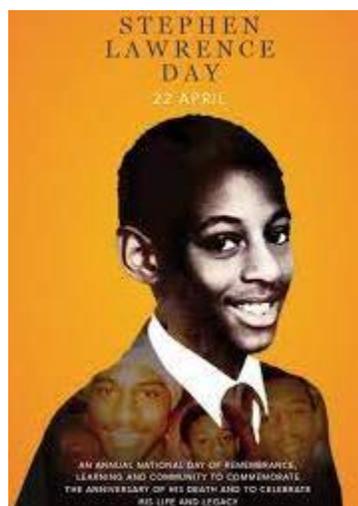
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Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are already at the end of our second week back after Easter; how quickly time flies! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. It's been great chatting to you all at the gate, hearing all about what you have been up to over the two week break.

I am amazed that the whole community have managed to continue their huge efforts over the holidays with **Beat the Streets!** I had assumed that, like myself, you may have all taken it a little easier, but my goodness, it feels like it actually had the adverse effect. We are currently sitting at the top of the leaderboard (where we have been most of the competition may I just add) with more than 270,000 points. What a fantastic joint effort this has been from the whole school community! I am very proud of the determination and commitment of all of our children involved and their families. The competition ends on 4<sup>th</sup> May, next Wednesday. We will find out whether our mammoth lead will edge us over the finish line in first place.



Last week, on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, we celebrated Stephen Lawrence day in school. This date is the anniversary of Stephen's death, and this year marked 29 years. Stephen's story is both challenging and inspirational and we use it in school to help us teach the children how to fight for a truly fair and civilised society, free from discrimination. We use Stephen's life and legacy in our teaching to help us discuss fairness, respect and difference, amongst a number of other things. Each class produced a piece of work to reflect back on their learning of the work they did across the day. We have some lovely stars from Reception Class celebrating why they are special, fantastic haiku and acrostic poems from Years 3 and 4, as well as some really thought provoking work from Years 5 and 6.





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## Parents Evening

A reminder that next week is parents evening, on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. Jackie has sent a letter to all parents with instructions on how to book your slot to speak with your child's teacher. This time around we are offering face to face session in the first instance. If you are not able to come into school, please let your child's teacher know when you book your time slot and request a telephone call instead. If your child's appointment is during the school day (before 3:30PM) then you will receive a telephone call for your appointment.

## Dates for your Diary

The summer term is one that we all love in school. The weather is better (fingers crossed), we can be outdoors more and there are lots of fun things to look forward to. Please see below a list of important dates that are confirmed. Anything we are still yet to confirm, we will notify you of as soon as we can.

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> Year 5 Intensive Swimming Block (2 weeks)	6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Year 1 Phonics Screening	1 <sup>st</sup> French Day
4 <sup>th</sup> May Young Voices Concert	10 <sup>th</sup> Whole School Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic	13 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 End of Year show (afternoon performance)
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs week	20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Year 4 Multiplication Check Tests	14 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 End of Year show (evening performance)
16 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Year 2 SATs	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sports Day	14 <sup>th</sup> End of Year Reports
16 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> SRE sessions for Parents	24 <sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon	20 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 Leavers Service
	24 <sup>th</sup> FOSJ Summer Fair	

So, as you can see another busy term ahead, with lots to look forward to and celebrate. Have a wonderful extended weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday, thanks to the bank holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

