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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: End of Spring Term



Thank you for all your support in making this a very successful term. Pupil reports will be available before the end of term via Parent App and a reminder of how to sign up will also be sent out. I will shortly send out a letter detailing some of the school's achievements, staff news and an update of school improvement progress, as well as a copy of the school newsletter.



Final End of Term Arrangements

On the final day of term, Thursday 29th March, we will be finishing at the end of the morning and this will be a non-uniform day to raise money for a charity selected by our Junior Leadership team; Diabetes UK (<https://www.diabetes.org.uk/home>).



To participate in the non-uniform event we are requesting a donation of £1 which will be collected on Tuesday 27th or Wednesday 28th March 2018 during morning registration. Please ensure all non-uniform choices are appropriate and non-offensive. Pupils are not allowed to wear crop tops, vest tops or very short skirts, etc. Any pupil wearing unacceptable attire will be requested to leave the school and return in full school uniform. In addition, normal school rules apply; for example hats and coats must be taken off in the school building and banned items are still banned items.



The school day will be proceeding as usual but with the addition of some celebratory year group assemblies being held throughout the morning. Pupils will be expected to attend on time arriving on site at 08.40am. All pupils will be expected to attend normal lessons unless otherwise instructed to attend the assembly hall.



The approximate timings of the day are outlined below with all pupils having a staggered dismissal from 12.20pm onwards. Lunch will be available from 11.00am – 11.30am (break extended by 10 minutes) and Year 7 and 8 will be served in the Transition Building. Please remind your child of the expectations that they are to behave appropriately at the end of term and consider the local community whilst they enjoy an earlier finish to the school day than usual. Staff will be amongst the local community to monitor pupil behaviour on dismissal. Pupils will be expected to make their way home quickly and calmly. Sixth form pupils will be having their first 3 lessons of the day before leaving at 12.20pm.



Year 7 Assembly- 09.00 followed by normal lessons*
Year 8 Assembly-10.00 with lessons at all other times until 12.20pm*
Year 9 Assembly-11.30 with lessons at all other times until 12.20pm*
Year 10 Assembly-12.20 with lessons at all other times

***Break extended by 10 minutes for all.**

Important!- First Day Back arrangements

Pupils are returning to school on **Monday 16th April 2018** but with one important amendment; **pupils are to arrive at 11.00am** which is our usual morning break time. Pupils will be met at the school gate and any pupils not arriving back in full school uniform will be sent home to change with a letter detailing the issue. Please contact the school in advance if there is a reason your child cannot wear full school uniform. The first part of the morning will be utilised by the school as staff training, with a focus on behaviour for learning in preparation for the summer term.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable holiday and a relaxing Easter break. Year 11 and 13 pupils should ensure they recuperate whilst also ensuring they engage in purposeful revision in preparation for the countdown to their GCSEs, BTECs and A Levels.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, who will help or direct you to the right person or e-mail me on ehillman@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk. If you have any issues with signing up to the Parent App or Parent Mail, please contact ict.helpdesk@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk

Best Wishes



Emma Hillman
Headteacher