

27th May 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Here we are again – the end of another half term and one that has been very busy and gone incredibly quickly...

Tomorrow is a special day for a couple of reasons. Firstly, it's the day when formal lessons end for our hardworking, wonderful students in years 11 and 13. After the half term break, we may be asking identified students or groups of students to come back in to complete certain assessments but, for the majority of them, tomorrow will be our chance to wish them well and to say goodbye. We have plans to celebrate their time with us during the afternoon with food, assemblies and hoodies.

Also, as promised, Flamingo Friday arrives for all students across both sites tomorrow and I'd like to ask for your support to help us celebrate the contribution Rachel Parks made to our school and community, and to raise funds for her chosen charity – HospiceCare Northumberland.

We've got Flamingo Pink ribbons to wear, the Flamingo Derby, Egg Roulette, Flamingo Quiz, Flamingo Cakes for sale at breaktime at 50p each, Mr McCudden's Magnificent Mouthful of Flamingo Food Feat and much more...

Students in years 8, 9 and 10 can wear their trainers to school tomorrow **for one day only** as they will be participating in a range of PE activities during the afternoon. No PE kit needed, just normal school uniform, but wearing trainers instead of shoes, please.

It's all happening tomorrow, it's all bright pink and it's going to be a brilliant, fun day for the children – exactly what we need after what has been, and remains, a challenging year for us all.

Please support us, and Rachel's family, by sending your child with a contribution to the charity that means so much to them, whether that's 10p, 50p or £1. Thank you.

As if you need any reminding about the half term break, school closes at 3.10pm tomorrow, Friday 28th May, and reopens on Monday 7th June at the usual time.

In staffing news, we say a temporary farewell to Mrs Daniels who begins her maternity leave tomorrow, and wish her all the best for the adventures ahead! In her absence, Mrs Davison will be acting Director of maths and Mr Knight joins the department as maths teacher.

Please do keep in touch with us, and make sure you check our Facebook page– it's updated regularly with all the essential information.

Thank you for your continued support, and enjoy the break.

Best wishes,



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