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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing with a general update as we approach the May half term break.

You will be aware that there have been some changes to the way that we are now take payment for school meals. Thank you for helping us move to this cashless system in the canteen. Please try and keep your account in credit as the school is not allowed to build up debt to the catering company. Mr Tyreman will let you know by email or text if you have run out of credit. If this happens and you owe in excess of £25, you will need to send your child in with a packed lunch until this has been paid off and you are in credit again. If you are struggling with providing funds for school lunches, please speak to the school office and make us aware so that we can support you.

Our 2022 GCSE season is upon us and our KS4 students have started their exams. We will give them all of the support that they need to be successful whilst in school, but it is equally important that during this time, they eat well and get a decent night's sleep. Please speak to your child's tutor if you have any concerns during the examination period.

Plans are being finalised for our Platinum Jubilee Garden Party which is being held for staff, pupils and students next Thursday 26th May. The event will run from 12:00 until 2:45pm, and pupils and students will be encouraged to participate in the celebrations which will be held in a marquee on the school playing field and surrounding area. There will be a 'royal crown' competition, some games and a disco, and I am excited to notify you that last year's Celebrity MasterChef winner and regular BBC One Show presenter, Riyadh Khalaf, will be coming into school to judge the crowns and take part in the celebrations with our pupils and students. All pupils and students should wear their school uniform to school on this day. The afternoon tea will replace the usual school lunch. There will be no charge for your child to participate in this event.

On Friday 27th May, the secondary department will be hosting their Enterprise Market Stall event in the main hall from 1:30pm. We hope that you will be able to join us on this afternoon to help the students celebrate their entrepreneurial success and raise some money for them to turn into a profit which they can then spend on their tutor groups. Please ensure that you bring plenty of change with you!!

Moving forward to the next half of term and in the run up to the summer holidays, various activities are planned including a visit from the farm, a inter-house volleyball competition, a YR 7 sleep-over, sports day, a music concert and a summer BBQ. Some of these events will be open to parents to attend and more information will be available nearer the time.

As we ease our way out of the Covid situation, please may I ask that if your child is unwell, that you do not send them into school if they have a temperature. If you are unsure of what

you should do, please contact Mr Tyreman our Health Protection Officer at school and he will give you some advice.

Finally, you will have seen that our new SEMH unit, Cody Oaks is on track to open its doors to its first group of student's on 1st September. I am sure that you will join me in wishing all of the staff and students in the unit every success for the future.

My team and I wish you all a relaxing and healthy May half-term break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shani Chinnappa', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Chinnappa
Headteacher
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