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Dear Parents,

We hope you had a nice, relaxing Easter break and your child is happy to be returning to school for their final term at Norton. It is going to be an exciting and very important time in your child's education. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some key information for the forthcoming term.

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and is expected to be handed in by the following Tuesday at the latest. Each week, there will be an alternate English or Maths task which needs completing in homework books. Please be aware that Spelling Shed is available for optional spelling practise – the children are aware of how to access this and TT Rock Stars is also available to help children with their times tables at home. In addition to this, the children are required to read at least three times a week at home; children on a book band should read aloud to an adult and children who are free readers, can choose to either read aloud to an adult or make chapter notes if reading independently, reading at least a chapter per reading session. Each time your child reads, **please can it be signed by an adult** and this will be checked every Monday. If they have read three times at home, they will receive a raffle ticket and at the end of each half term, a name will be pulled out the draw and this lucky child will receive a free book of their choice.

This term our topics will include 'Electricity' in science, 'How is our world changing?' in geography and 'Were the Vikings really vicious?' in history. Our PE days will be on a Tuesday (Mrs Ambrose, Mrs Maxwell and Mr Myers) or a Thursday (Mrs Ashton) and we ask that your child has their summer PE kit with them which includes dark coloured shorts, a white t-shirt and a pair of trainers. Please ensure ALL kit is clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Swimming lessons will take place on Wednesday mornings for every class; all children must ensure they have appropriate clothing in order to participate.

The Key Stage Two SATs will take place on the week beginning Monday 12th May and their final test will be on Thursday 16th May. The timetable for the week is as follows:

Monday- Grammar and Spelling papers Tuesday- Reading paper Wednesday- Maths papers (Arithmetic and Reasoning Paper 1) Thursday- Maths paper (Reasoning Paper 2)

It is essential that your child is in school during this week as there will be no other opportunity for them to take the tests. If you are aware of any issues which would prevent them attending school over this period, please inform the school as soon as possible. During this week (Monday to Thursday), Year 6 children will have the opportunity to come into school from 8.00am where they will be provided with breakfast.

Fruit or vegetables will continue to be available at break time each day along with milk. Your child is encouraged to bring <u>water</u> in a named, <u>clear</u> drinks bottle to use in the classroom, which can be refilled during the day.

After the half term, some of the Year 6 children will be spending the week on residential at East Barnby whilst the children, who are staying at school, will have the opportunity to take part in fun activities in the













classroom. We will also start work on our end of year production but more information will be sent out about performance dates nearer the time.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Mrs Ambrose, Mrs Ashton, Mrs Maxwell and Mr Myers













