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We hope for all smiles next week for our **class photographs** which will be taken on Monday, although there will be some children from Year 5 missing, with even bigger smiles across their faces...

We are thrilled to be representing West Bromwich Albion FC as their team travelling to St George's Park, the training ground of the Official England Team, to play in a school tournament before meeting the actual ENGLAND FOOTBALL TEAM and waving them off on their journey to Germany to compete in the Euro Championship. A once in a lifetime experience, let's hope that they bring the team good luck.

From present football heroes to stars of the future. Attached are details for open trials held at Aston Villa FC in partnership with Academy De Skillz. Please, just make sure that any pupils that make it big and play for the Villa, don't forget old Mr Reed...

Trust Values visits and Arts Day: Mrs Mahal will be contacting families to get trip consent to visit the other 10 schools across the Trust. These roving reporters will be fact finding to see the similarities and differences between the sites, and exploring how they demonstrate the shared values of Unity, Integrity, Curiosity, Courage and Excellence. On Tuesday 25th June, they will share their findings with all children at VPA and we will work together, all 660 of us, to create a shared art piece for our entrance hall.

One pupil in Year 1 will be demonstrating the values of Unity and Courage later this summer when she donates her hair to others without their own. You can learn more and donate to her cause here: https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/aurora-sponsored-hair-donation

The Sandwell Nursing team have asked schools to share the attached information as part of Child Safety Week. Created by the Child Accident Prevention Trust, it aims to highlight small changes in family life that can help protect all children and young people.

Well done this week to 3SW for delivering a slick assembly, off-script, about the tragedy in Pompeii, to Years 5 and 6 for their rescheduled Sports Day yesterday, and to Year 4 who represented VPA so well on their Think Tank Trip.

And so, with six weeks left of term, before the six week holiday, here's a list of key dates still to come:

Wed 12th June: 3SU Class Assembly

Mon 24th June: Teacher training day (school closed)

Friday 28th June: Year 2 Fire Safety Workshop Thurs 4th July: Meet your new teacher day (1) Thurs 11th July: Meet your new teacher day (2)

Fri 12th July: School Reports to families Wed 17th July: Year 6 celebration day

Fri 21st June: Year 6 trip to Cadbury World Tues 25th June: Reception trip to Sycamore

Tues 2nd July: Year 1 trip to Weston

Wed 10th July: Year 6 Production to families Fri 12th July: Year 2 (all classes) assembly

Tues 16th July: Year 6 Graduation

Fri 19th July: Term ends (midday closure)

Best wishes, Mr Reed