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Dear Parents/Guardians

As is always the case, the term has flown by incredibly quickly. I am sure that students and staff alike are looking forward to a well-deserved rest over the next two weeks. We very much hope that you are all able to have an enjoyable Easter break and enjoy your time together.

You will see in our newsletter today just how much has gone on this term. It has been wonderful to see school really return to its busy vibrant self, with afterschool activities a plenty and school visits taking place throughout the term and over the February half term period. It is a reminder to all of us at school, just how important the whole school experience is to our children. On that note, we wish our Scientists and Geographers well as they head off to Iceland over the Easter break; I am certain they will have a terrific time.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some important messages with you:

Student Illness During the School Day

We have had an increasing number of students contacting their parent/guardian to be collected from school due to feeling unwell. Please can we remind you, and may we ask you to remind your children, of the guidance for **if your child becomes unexpectedly ill during the day**:

- Students are not permitted to report their own illness to a parent/guardian using a mobile phone; they should present themselves to a member of staff or go to Student Services. We have had instances where we have been unable to locate students who has reported themselves as unwell directly to their parent/guardian and this causes unnecessary concern to staff and parents/guardians.
- In the event of your child needing to go home, you will be informed by a member of staff. Your child must be collected by a parent/guardian/named contact and the Signing In and Out Book filled in.

Lunch Accounts – ParentPay

Please may we ask you to check your child's lunch account balance and for any negative balances to be cleared immediately. We would also ask that you also keep their account in credit; you can set up alerts in ParentPay to notify you if your child's lunch account goes below a certain balance (to do this access the 'profile' page and 'alert settings' – it is free to set up an alert email). Parents and students can also check the lunch account balance by clicking the 'catering' icon in Edulink.

If you have any queries about this, please do not hesitate to contact the school's Finance Department – accounts@arden.solihull.sch.uk

Water Bottles

We would like to remind the students that they can bring a bottle of water/refillable bottle with them and they can refill these at the drinking water facilities in school. We encourage this to help us reduce the amount of plastic waste we accrue. This is an area of school we are reviewing and seeking to improve through work with our fantastic Eco-Committee.



Contacting School

During the Easter holiday, the school office emails will be monitored and emails will be sent on to the applicable member of staff, but please do not expect a reply until week commencing 17th April when school re-opens.

We wish you all a very happy Easter and look forward to the return of our students for what is always a very busy, enjoyable summer term.

Best wishes



Mr Warwood
Associate Headteacher