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Dear Parents,

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I was delighted that so many people came last Friday to our Summer Fair. It was a lovely afternoon and it did not rain! The children had a lovely day and looked fantastic in their costumes. Thank you all so much for making our Summer Fair such a success and about £2,300 was raised for the school. This is an amazing amount and will help provide additional resources, equipment and opportunities for all the children including a stage for school performances. Congratulations to all the parents, friends, governors and staff of Rushcombe for their immense hard work before, during and after the event and special thanks to the committee for coordinating the Summer Fair this year. As always, it is impossible to name all those who contribute to the Summer Fair as so many people are involved in running stalls, organising games, serving refreshments, donating items for sale and, not least, coming along and enjoying the afternoon. Please accept my thanks for all your support, it is much appreciated. Finally, a special thank you goes to the Year 2 children for their display of dancing and to children in the gym club who entertained us.

Last week, Year 4 children had the opportunity to work with a member of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and before the end of term will be going to a special concert at the Lighthouse.

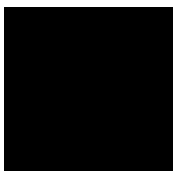
This week, children in Foundation and Year 1 will have the opportunity to work with the Dorset Wildlife Trust in our school grounds. They will be participating in a range of activities including making sculptures, a mini beast sweep and sensory tasks. The children will also be having a special teddy bears picnic. In addition, a representative of Dorset's library Service will be coming to talk to the children about this summer's reading challenge.

Sport Afternoons

Thank you to those who came to support our recent Foundation, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 sports afternoons. The children did very well and enjoyed the different activities.

Year 3 Celebration Assemblies

A reminder, that all parents with children in Year 3 are invited to attend their child's celebration assembly this week. Mr White's class assembly will be on Wednesday 8th July and Mrs Joyner's class assembly will be on Thursday 9th July. Both assemblies will take place in the school hall and entry will be through the main office at 2.35 pm. Regrettably, due to limited space, these assemblies are for parents only.



Staff News

The Governing Body have recently made a number of teaching appointments for the new academic year following a rigorous selection and interview process. I am delighted to inform you; Miss Gerra will continue to teach at Rushcombe [following the extension of Miss Draper's secondment at another Dorset school for next year], Mrs Joyner will continue to cover our maternity leave and Miss Rebecca Gurney will join our dedicated staff team for the beginning of the autumn term. She has already begun a series of visits to Rushcombe to familiarise herself with the children, staff and the school. We look forward to working with them all in providing high quality education for all the children at Rushcombe and continuing to build on the success of the school. Preparations for the new academic year are well underway and there are no other anticipated changes in the teaching staff. In the new academic year, the teaching staff will work in the following year groups:

Foundation	Mrs Connolly and Miss Newbury
Year 1	Miss Gerra and Miss Gurney
Year 2	Miss Brown and Mrs Russell
Year 3	Mr McCormick and Mrs Joyner
Year 4	Mrs Ely, Mrs Hill, Mrs Benham and Mrs Holmes

In addition, Mr White will be working across the school both carrying out his deputy headteacher responsibilities and using his expert skills and knowledge across the year groups and I will continue to spend time with all the children on a regular basis. The children will have an opportunity to meet their new teachers later this week.

Congratulations to Mrs Webb who has recently gave birth to a baby boy. Both of them are doing very well and we wish the Webb family all the best for the future.

Annual Reports and Open Afternoon

The children will be bringing home their annual reports on Thursday 9th July. If you wish to discuss your child's report please see your child's teacher who have set aside time at the open afternoon. Our open afternoon will be on Monday 13th July from 3.10 pm to 6.00 pm.

Transfer Day

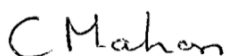
On Friday 10th July, Year 4 children will attend their new schools for the whole day. Please take your child directly to their middle school. Children from Foundation and Years 1, 2 and 3 will spend some of their time with their new teachers on the day.

Year 4 Leavers

Year 4 children will be having a special day on Tuesday 14th July including attending a concert and having a Leavers disco in the afternoon. The Year 4 Leavers Concert will be on Thursday 16th July at St Nicholas Church at 1.30 pm.

Further details about the next academic year will follow in the next newsletter.

Yours sincerely,



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