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Dear Parents,

This week, the children in Years 3 and 4 have had the opportunity to talk to a visiting teacher from Uganda and learn more about different countries and cultures.

Violin and Guitar Lessons

In September, we will have some places available for children in Years 3 and 4 to learn the guitar and violin. Places will be allocated on a 'first come - first served' basis. Children require their own instrument and music book (to be advised by the teacher at the start of the term). Approximate cost for a 20 - 30 minute lesson is £4.00, with approximately 30 lessons per academic year. Fees are payable termly in advance. If your child is interested in learning either of these instruments, or for further information, please contact the school office.

Sports Afternoon

Sports Days this year will take place at 1.30 - 3.00 pm on the school field on the following days: Foundation: Tuesday 23rd June, Years 1 and 2: Thursday 25th June, Years 3 and 4: Friday 26th June. If wet, the events will need to be re-scheduled. Parents and family members are very welcome to support the children during the afternoon's events.

Summer Fair

The Friends of Rushcombe are busy organising the Summer Fair which will be on Friday 3rd July. This year the Summer Fair will have a medieval theme and as part of the day the children are allowed to dress up for the day. The children may choose to dress up as a knight, a dragon, a jester or a king or queen or they may have other ideas. Children should not bring any toy/plastic weapons as part of their costume.

Thank you for all donations received so far. Further donations of different items would be very much appreciated. This week we are collecting any unwanted and unused **smellies and stationary**. Next week, we would be grateful for any **unwanted toys and books**. In the children's home readers on Friday 26th June, there will be a cake plate, which we hope will be filled with cakes to be brought into school on the morning of the fair. The week of the fair, we would welcome any donations of **seedlings or plants** - if these can be brought into school during the latter part of the week that would be a great help. We thank you once again for your continued support with our fundraising event of the year.



The Friends would be grateful to hear from any parents who are willing to help on the day. Help is particularly required to set up or tidy up afterwards, serve refreshments, look after different stalls and do face painting even if you can only help for a short time, such as half an hour, your help would be much appreciated. Please contact the school office and leave your details if you are able to help. Thank you.

Do come to our Summer Fair on Friday 3rd July from 3.05 pm to 5.00 pm. Everyone is welcome. All funds raised will be used to provide further resources, equipment and opportunities for all our children.

Year 3 Celebration Assemblies

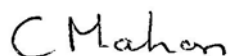
All parents with children in Year 3 are invited to attend their child's celebration assembly. Mr White's class assembly will be on Wednesday 8th July and Mrs Joyner's class assembly will be on Thursday 9th July. Both assemblies will take place at 2.40 pm in the school hall and entry will be through the main office at 2.35 pm. Regrettably, due to limited space, these assemblies are for parents only.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers and Tesco's School Vouchers

Thank you for all the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers and Tesco's School Vouchers that have been brought to school. We have so far collected in excess of 30,000 vouchers and the school is currently choosing items to order. We would appreciate any further vouchers that you may have to help us develop the school's resources before we finalise our order. Thank you.

Details of further activities and events will follow during the term.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher