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Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a good Easter holiday and welcome back to a new term.

At the end of the last term, a group of Year 4 children participated in a number of 7-a-side football matches in a local football tournament. The children enjoyed the event and were complimented on their sportsmanship. Well done, everyone.

The children are already busy with their new Learning Adventures and next week Year 3 and 4 children will be participating in exciting workshops led by Intech's expert scientists.

At the end of this week, the children will be bringing home their reading book and staff are currently preparing the summer term home learning packs for each year group which will be brought home by the children on Friday 30th April with their home learning log.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

During the summer term there will be a range of interesting and enjoyable opportunities for children to become involved in during the school day, in after school clubs and at special events. Further information for different year groups will follow soon. Specialist music lessons including recorder clubs for Years 2, 3 and 4 will continue throughout the term.

School Nurse Drop in Clinic

Mrs Butcher, the school nurse, will be in school on Wednesday 28th April between 9.00 am and 9.30 am. If you have any queries about the health and development of your child, please feel free to come in and have a chat with her.

Open Afternoons

This term the following year groups will be inviting parents with their children to come and visit their rooms. This will be an opportunity for your child/ren to show you around their classroom and share the work they have been involved in during the term.

- Foundation ~ Friday 28th May 3.05 pm
- Year 1 ~ Wednesday 26th May 2.45pm
- Year 2 ~ Tuesday 11th May 2.45 pm
- Year 3 ~ Wednesday 7th July 3.05 pm
- Year 4 ~ Date to follow



Assessments

In the summer term, our teachers summarise the children's progress and achievements throughout the year, and towards the end of the term you will receive your child's annual report. Children in Years 2, 3 and 4 will complete some assessments during the term to contribute to the teacher's overall assessment of your child's development. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, assessments and report later in the summer term.

School Uniform

Our school uniform provides the children with a sense of belonging, community and pride in their school. It is practical and the children do look smart in their uniform. Our school colours are red, white and grey. A reminder, that if you are purchasing new items over the term the children wear the following items:

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dress as appropriate [trousers should be grey
- school type/tailored trousers and not fashion or casual trousers]
- Red and white striped or checked summer dress
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Red school sweatshirt or red school cardigan with school logo
- Black flat sensible school shoes [no trainers please]

Many of the items are available from the school office. Please make sure that all items of clothing are labelled to prevent them from getting lost around the school. Thank you for your continued support of the uniform guidelines.

PE Kits

A reminder, that all children should have their PE kit in school every day to participate fully in the PE curriculum. With the commencement of the summer term, please could you ensure your child has plimsolls/trainers in school to use for PE outdoors.

Sun Protection

With the beginning of the summer term, we hope that there will be plenty of sunny days ahead and the children will be able to make good use of the field and outside areas. Please make sure your child has a sun-hat to wear in the coming months. Sun hats can be purchased from the school office. We recommend you apply sun lotion to your child before school. If you wish your child to apply further protective sun screen during the day, they will need to bring it to school in its original container with their name on. School staff will apply skin cream for children under medical direction. We have been notified by the school nurse that some sun lotions contain nut products. We would appreciate it if you could not use these products at school, as we have some children who have severe allergic reactions to nuts. The children will be told not to share sun lotion with other children.

Attendance and Lateness

A reminder that it is important that all children arrive to school on time to ensure their learning sessions commence promptly. The school gates are open from 8.40 am and the register is taken at 8.45 am in KS2 [Year 3 and 4] and at 8.55 am in Foundation and KS1 [Year 1 and 2]. Children who arrive to school late and miss registration will be marked as late in the register which can be noted as an unauthorised absence. The Education Social Worker monitors class registers on a regular basis and will follow up cases of unauthorised absence or low attendance.

Safety in the School Grounds

Please can I remind you that all children including small preschool children and older children should be carefully supervised whilst on the school site at the beginning and end of the school day. At the end of day all parents/carers should collect their children from their classrooms and children should stay with an adult. We would appreciate if you can ensure that all children do not ride their scooters and bicycles in the playground or play in the outside Early Years and climbing areas as these areas are not supervised. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our school a safe place to be during these busy times of the day.

Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers and Tesco for Schools & Clubs Vouchers

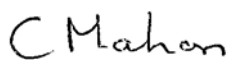
The school is currently collecting Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers and Tesco for Schools & Clubs Vouchers. We would appreciate receiving any vouchers you have to help us develop the school's resources.

Dates for your diaries:

Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday - school closed
Thursday 27 th May	Ash Class [Miss Newbury] Celebration Assembly at 2.40 pm in the school hall
Friday 28 th May	Oak Class [Mrs Connolly] Celebration Assembly at 2.40 pm in the school hall
Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June	Half Term Holiday
Friday 9 th July	Annual reports home to parents
Friday 16 th July	Transfer Day [Year 4 children visiting their new middle schools]
Monday 19 th July	Year 4 Leavers Disco 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm
Wednesday 21 st July	Year 4 Leavers Concert [times/details to follow]
Friday 23 rd July	Summer Term ends - school closes at 1.00 pm
Friday 3 rd September	Autumn Term commences for the children

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

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher