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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you and your children have enjoyed being back at school this week. Things are as busy and enjoyable as ever and it has been a pleasure to see how full of energy and enthusiasm everyone is in the summer sun.

On Monday teaching staff began preparing end of year school reports and support staff took part in a variety of training including first aid, GDPR and health and safety training. We also took the opportunity to have a much needed clear out and reorganisation of some of our communal areas.

School Site

Having had to postpone some repairs and redecoration due to the unseasonably wet Easter break, our site manager has been busy repairing and painting around our outside area. We have been visited by grounds maintenance and had the athletics track painted ready for our upcoming sports days and there has also been some more general repairs and upkeep done to the internal parts of the school that allow us to function effectively.

Surveys

We have had our survey results back from the LSP. These included parent, pupil and staff feedback. We will be sharing the headlines from these with you in the coming weeks after they have been reviewed by senior leaders and the governing body. This valuable feedback is a key element of our school self-evaluation and is used to set school improvement priorities for the coming year.

Staffing Update

Unfortunately, Mrs Sargent has a badly broken arm which requires surgery. She is hoping to return to school as quickly as possible but is likely to be recovering post op next week. **Please direct any urgent issues that would normally go to her, either to me or Mrs Merriam.** I am sure you will be joining with us in wishing her a swift recovery.

With the teacher resignation deadline gone, I can confirm that it is only myself, Mrs Blackmore-Squires and Mrs Spencer who will be moving on in July.

We will be joined by Mr Meredith (Deputy Headteacher) and three new staff joining our EYFS team, Mrs Fiona Fleming, Mrs Lucy Osborne and Mrs Sophie Beaumont.

We will not be releasing class teacher allocations until July as we prepare for the new academic year.

School Uniform

A polite reminder that school shoes should be black.

We are happy for children to wear shorts, skirts etc as we begin to experience warmer weather but please stick to non-branded school colours.

PE kit should not be uniform from clubs or sports provider.

Amber Weather Warning – Don't forget to Slip Slop Slap

As we begin to experience warmer weather our staff have been reminded to ensure children have access to water, take rest breaks as needed in PE, make use of ventilation and take other reasonable measure to adjust learning to the heat. This may include moving some assemblies online to prevent over heating in the school hall. Please ensure that children bring a hat, water bottle and sun cream with them.

In Other News

- The serving hatches have been redecorated by our catering team and look fabulous!
- Congratulations to our Year 4 children who took part in the national multiplication check yesterday. I know they have been really well prepared by the Year 4 Team.
- Our Year 6 pupils have begun rehearsing for their end of year productions. Very exciting!
- Our Year 3 children enjoyed a wonderful Egyptian themed wow day today.
- We wish our Year 1 pupils' good luck with the national phonics check next week.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the warm weather taking those sensible precautions we can all sometimes forget when the sun comes out.

Kind Regards,
Richard Riordan
Headteacher