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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has certainly flown by; however the children have all worked extremely hard and now deserve some time to rest, recuperate and prepare themselves for the exciting learning journeys and school events of the Summer term!

Break Out Of Barcombe

Yesterday the children in Year 3 walked to Red Bridge on the Bevern Stream near Cornwells Reservoir and enjoyed a morning of stream dipping. They examined samples of water and looked in detail at the wildlife living within the stream.

Easter Service

Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter service today at St. Mary's church. It was a really wonderful service with fantastic performances from each of the classes. Thank you to James Hollingsworth and Paul Mundy for leading the service. The Church services are an important part of our school calendar and provide opportunities for us to come together as a community to celebrate our Christian ethos.

Sport

It has been another successful term of sport at school with Barcombe teams celebrating success at the Newick football tournament. Individual classes will continue with a range of support from specialist sports coaches during Term 5. Owls class will be having cricket coaching from Sussex Cricket Club, children in Year 4 will be swimming at Cumnor House, children in Year 3 will be continuing tennis coaching, Squirrels class will be supported by the coaches from Cumnor House and Hedgehogs class will be having PE sessions with the Premier Sport coaches.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the PTA as they have funded School Hoodies and T Shirts to keep the children warm when they are representing the school in the future.

Values

This term the children have enjoyed listening to stories and discussing situations within school when we demonstrate the value of Humility. After Easter we will be focusing on the value of Generosity. Throughout the term the children will be shown the importance of being generous with your time and with your kindness towards others.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a key focus for the school during Term 5 and Term 6. As previously stated, the disruption to learning caused by absence is key to academic progress. Percentages of individual class attendance so far this year are as follows: Hedgehogs - 94.6%, Squirrels - 95.6%, Badgers - 96.1%, Foxes - 95.3%, Owls - 95.6%.

Congratulations to Badgers for the best class attendance so far this year! **Our whole school attendance target for this academic year is 97%.**

Learning Journeys

As we come to the conclusion of our Term 4 learning journeys we can now begin to get excited about our learning journeys after the Easter holidays. Foundation Stage and Key Stage One will be learning all about 'On the Farm' whilst Key Stage Two will be focusing on the railways and changes to locomotives through the learning journey 'Get On Track'.

Goodbye and Good Luck

Sadly, today we will be saying farewell to Mrs Berry; Mrs Berry has been a fantastic teacher at our school throughout the past year and a half. She is leaving us and is going to live in America with her husband. We wish her every success in her new exciting adventure.

Mrs Edwards

On the second week of the Summer term Mrs Edwards will be leaving us for a short while whilst she undergoes an operation on her hip. Mrs Edwards will be in school for the first week after the holidays and then will be back later in the Summer term. We all wish Mrs Edwards a speedy recovery following her operation.

Key Dates for Terms 5 & 6

Monday, 13.4.15 First day of Term 5
Tuesday, 21.4.15 Owls Curriculum Meeting – 9am
Wednesday, 22.4.15 Badgers Curriculum Meeting – 9am
Thursday, 23.4.15 Hedgehogs Curriculum Meeting – 9am
Friday, 24.4.15 Foxes Curriculum Meeting – 9am
Monday, 27.4.15 Squirrels Curriculum Meeting – 9am
Wednesday, 29.4.15 Year 5 Curriculum day at Chailey / Year 4 Swimming starts (6 weeks)
Monday, 4.5.15 School Closed – Bank Holiday
Wednesday, 13.5.15 Hedgehogs & Squirrels to Plumpton College Farm
Thursday, 14.5.15 Hedgehogs Break Out of Barcombe
Friday, 22.5.15 Year 6 to Newhaven Fort for Safety in Action / Last day of Term 5

Monday, 1.6.15 First day of Term 6
Wednesday, 3.6.15 Year 6 residential trip to Windmill Hill
Thursday, 11.6.15 Break Out of Barcombe – Year 5
Tuesday, 16.6.15 Year 6 Leavers Service at Crowborough
Thursday, 18.6.15 Year 6 Sports at Chailey
Tuesday, 23.6.15 New to Reception (Sept 2015) Storytime 2.30-3pm
Thursday 25.6.15 Squirrel Class Assembly - 9am
Tuesday, 30.6.15 New to Reception (Sept 2015) Storytime 2.30-3pm
Thursday 2.7.15 Foxes Class Assembly - 9am
Friday, 3.7.15 SPORTS DAY (reserve day Tuesday 14.7.15)
Monday, 6.7.15 Year 6 Induction day at Chailey
Tuesday, 7.7.15 Year 6 Induction day at Chailey/New to Reception (Sept 2015) Taster Session 1.30pm-2.30pm
Wednesday, 8.7.15 New to Reception (Sept 2015) Taster Session 1.30pm-2.30pm
Thursday, 9.7.15 Break Out of Barcombe – Hedgehogs, Badgers Class Assembly- 9am
Friday, 10.7.15 Year 6 Patina Parade in Lewes
Thursday, 16.7.15 Break Out of Barcombe – Owls, Hedgehogs Class Assembly -9am
Tuesday, 21.7.15 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9am / Last pupil day of Term 6
Wednesday, 22.7.15 School Closed - INSET DAY

Finally I would like to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing holiday and I will look forward to seeing you all on Monday 13th April.

Best Wishes

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