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Dear Parents and Carers

We have now been back at school for three weeks! The children now seem to have settled into their work stride once again and are immersing themselves in the new learning journeys. The children in Hedgehogs and Squirrels are learning all about 'The Farm'; they were treated to some very welcome visitors last week when Mrs Wallis bought two lambs to school for the children to stroke, cuddle and learn more about! I am sure the children will see many more lambs and lots of other farm animals when they visit Plumpton Farm very soon.

### **Sport**

This term the children in Year 3 will continue with Tennis coaching from Mrs Hawes and Owls class are enjoying cricket coaching from Sussex Cricket Club. Children in Year 4 are having swimming lessons at Cumnor House. This term and next all the classes will begin to prepare and develop their skills to ensure they are ready for Sports Day. This year Sports Day will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. If the weather is poor the reserve day is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for a great day!

### **Fire Safety**

Last week children in Year 2 and Year 5 were visited by Fire Officers from East Sussex Fire Service. The children were shown the dangers of fire and were given a clear message of what to do if faced with a situation involving fire. The valuable lessons were informative but also enjoyable for the children.

### **Prefects**

The teachers have chosen our Prefects for the Summer term. I would like to say a very big thank you to all our previous Prefects during this academic year for their responsible manner and kind and caring attitude. These children are role models to younger children and their peers and also help out around school to make our learning community a happy and organised place to be.

Prefects this term are:

Year 3 - Rory, Otto, Jaia, Eva, Henry

Year 4 - Jack L, Oliver, Lucy, Kitty, Freja

Year 5 - Lola, Alex F, John, Alysiya, Nell

Year 6 - Sienna, Erin, George, Megan, Luke

### **Buddhist Faith**

As part of our learning about other world faiths, we were visited last week by Caroline Drake from the Buddhist Centre in Brighton. Caroline talked to the children about her Buddhist faith and how it has helped her to find peace within her life. Caroline will be visiting the school again very soon to talk to the children in greater detail and demonstrating meditating techniques.

## Parents' Forum

I would like to invite everyone to a parents' forum meeting on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6pm**. The Parents' Forum will allow parents to talk directly to myself and the governors about anything they feel the school is doing well or concerns they may have about certain issues. It will also be a time to share parents' ideas for the future plans of the school. There will be a separate letter sharing more information about this shortly. If you are able to come it would be great to hear your ideas and comments.

## Key Dates for Terms 5 & 6

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

Thursday, 21.5.15 Parents Forum Meeting 6pm

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

Friday, 12.6.15 Class Photos

Tuesday, 16.6.15 Year 6 Leavers Service at Crowborough/Priory Transition Day

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

Friday, 26.6.15 Badgers/Foxes/Owls to Frog Fille Farm

Tuesday, 30.6.15 New to Reception (Sept 2015) Storytime 2.30-3pm

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/ Badger 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

Monday, 20.7.15 Transition Afternoon – Meet new teachers – all classes

Tuesday, 21.7.15 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9am / Last pupil day of Term 6

Wednesday, 22.7.15 School Closed - INSET DAY

Best wishes

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Head Teacher

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