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Dear Parents / Carers

It is the end of another busy week of school and we will soon be at the end of Term 5! It seems incredible as the children have only just come back from the Easter break. Luckily after the half term break we have a slightly longer term to really immerse ourselves in some quality learning as well as a number of exciting community events.

### **Year 6 SATS**

It has been a slightly stressful week for Year 6 as they have been sitting their SATs tests. Mr Walton, Mrs Pryor and I who have been overseeing the tests would like to thank everyone for their wonderful, happy attitude throughout the week. All the children have tried their very best and everyone at school is extremely proud of them!

### **Photography Project**

Last week all the children in school had the opportunity to develop their knowledge of photography. Mrs Pipe worked with the children developing their understanding of light and shade; they have created images playing with shadows cast by natural objects in our local environment.

### **Warm Weather!**

Please ensure the children are dressed appropriately for the warm weather. Hopefully it is set to last a little while! To protect themselves the children will need sun hats, a covering of sun screen before leaving home and a water bottle with their name clearly labelled on it.

### **School Path**

In recent weeks I have clearly written to you detailing my concerns regarding the amount of parents driving down school path to drop off and collect children. I am very concerned there is going to be an accident in the near future and one of our precious children is going to be hurt. If you drive down school path to collect children can you please ensure you are driving at walking pace at most! I realise it is a public highway but feel our whole school community should work together to protect the safety of our children.

I would also like to raise my concerns around unaccompanied children travelling down school path. If you allow your children to scooter, ride or walk down school path please ensure they are under control or within close proximity to you so they are safe.

### **Plumpton Dance Festival**

Today the children from Badgers Class are taking part in a traditional dance festival at Plumpton Racecourse; the children have been busy practising for the event and are extremely excited to be representing the school in an event Barcombe does not usually participate in!

### **Ecole Saint Valery En Caux Visiting**

On Monday eighty five children from our French partner school will be visiting Barcombe. They will be spending most of the day with us and we will be sharing information about each other's village, town and region. The children will be carrying out a number of exciting activities having lots of fun whilst developing their language skills.

### **Community Gardening Day**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the whole school will join together on a project to tidy and reinvigorate our school grounds. The day is being put together by the School Council, who would like to invite, governors, parents, friends and members of the community to join them for part of the day. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to be involved in the development of the school grounds and outside learning spaces. As adults will not be working alone with children, you do not need to hold CRB clearance. Children may wear their own clothes, suitable for gardening, on this day.

The School Council met this week and identified four areas for development: the school garden; the mini-beast hotel and surrounding area; the reception garden; and hanging baskets and planters around the school entrances. Do you have any spare compost, summer plants or planters at home or do you know a local business that may like to support us in this project? If you are able to help in any way, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mr Walton.

### **Remedial Building Work**

During the half term holidays contractors for East Sussex County Council will be commencing remedial building work on the roof of the Sports Hall cupboards. There are also a number of other projects to be completed throughout the coming year. I will ensure these building works will have as little an impact as possible on the daily routines of the school. I will keep you updated on the progress of these projects in due course.

I would like to wish you all a relaxing and peaceful weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr S James  
Head Teacher

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