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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing half term break; the good weather ensured we all enjoyed a little much needed sunshine and warmer weather. Before the holidays the children enjoyed a really exciting day at school with a focus on Science.

Science Day

The day enabled children to be divided up within the Key Stages so that children in Years 3, 4 and 5 worked together and children in Rec, 1 and 2 worked together. This was a great opportunity for children to learn with children they do not usually work with. Throughout the day everyone was given the opportunity to investigate and explore a number of different scientific processes! Everyone had lots of fun. My personal highlight was watching groups of children investigate how they could build the tallest structure possible out of marshmallows and spaghetti!

Safety In Action

On Friday 22nd June Year 6 took part in Safety In Action at Newhaven Fort. The day is organised in association with the emergency services to highlight health and safety factors in everyday life to the children. Through fun role play activities the children learn about keeping themselves safe in challenging situations. The Year 6 children really enjoyed the day and had some valuable learning experiences.

Parents Forum

Thank you to everyone who responded to my letter regarding concerns/ suggestions for future areas of school development or was able to attend the first Parents' Forum. I hope it gave parents the opportunity to raise any concerns they had and give an insight into our plans for school development during 2015-16. Attached with this letter are points discussed during the meeting.

Year 6 @ PGL

Today the children in Year 6 have travelled to Herstmonceux to spend two nights at PGL. The children will all have a really fantastic time challenging themselves and facing their fears whilst taking part in a range of outward bound activities.

Values

The value the children will be focusing on this term will be Reverence. Through listening to stories from a range of religions and sharing / discussing artefacts the children will develop their knowledge of reverence as meaning feelings of profound respect for someone or something.

Curriculum Focus

This term children will continue to focus on developing and improving their mental maths skills; with a particular focus on times tables. They will also be focusing on improving the standard and presentation of their writing. Throughout all subjects the learning behaviour of perseverance will be celebrated at every opportunity.

Key Dates for Terms 6

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
Thursday, 02.07.15 Fox 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/ 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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