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Dear Parents,

Hopefully your child came out of school very excited yesterday after hearing the amazing news that later this term we will be performing the Junior Disney Musical - The Lion King. Everyone in school is raring to go, and can't wait to see the fantastic performance that we know the children will give on Friday 5th July (please ensure the date is in your diary).

Over the next few weeks the majority of our children will be sitting their end of year / key stage tests. Please try to ensure your child gets a good night sleep and has a healthy breakfast before the start of school each day so they are able to do their best. We are incredibly proud of our year 6 children who have prepared themselves so well for their National Curriculum Tests next week. We know that each one of them will do a fantastic job.

Staff Update

After much thought and consideration, Mrs. Elliott has sadly decided that, with her hands very full with two young sons, she will not be returning to school after her maternity leave comes to an end in the summer. We thank Mrs. Elliott for all she has contributed towards our school life over the past 5 years and wish her, and her family, all the best for the future. I am delighted that Mrs. Totman has agreed to stay with us for a further year and will continue to job share with Mrs. Jenkinson to provide fantastic provision for our year 1 and 2 children in Robin Class.

It is with regret that we are also saying goodbye to two longstanding members of staff over the coming weeks. Mrs. Richardson will be leaving us on Thursday 23rd May, and Mrs. Ireland has sadly informed me that she will be retiring at the end of the summer term. Both ladies have worked tirelessly for the school for a great number of years and have had such a positive impact on so many children's lives. Both ladies will be greatly missed and I am sure you will all join me in wishing them all the best in the new and exciting adventures that await them both. Following interviews that took place earlier this year, I can now inform you that we are delighted to officially welcome Mrs. Amanda Smith to our team from September. Mrs. Smith is well known to many of you and already contributes so much to school life. Mrs. Smith is currently helping in school on a voluntary basis but will formally start her new role in September.

Running Track / Sponsored event

I am sure many of you have noticed our fantastic new running track that was installed over the Easter break. The children are already making great use of it, and many are already able to run 1 mile (7 laps) during their 15 minutes of fitness. To celebrate the installation of the track, Mrs. Kern and our School Council will be running a sponsored run/walk on the last day of this half term. Please keep a look out for further information on this event, and the sponsor form, which will be sent home early next week.

PREPARATIONS FOR WARMER WEATHER AHEAD

Water Bottles

As the weather will hopefully now be warming up children must ensure they have their **school water bottle** in school every day. It is really important that children stay hydrated throughout the day and this is something we actively encourage children to do. The Friends generously provide every child with a new water bottle at the start of each academic year and these should always be in school. Children are welcome to take their water bottle home daily for a wash and refill - we do insist they go home at least at the end of every week for a thorough clean. **Please note that children should only bring in the standard school bottle which must be filled with water – not squash.** Replacement bottles can be purchased for £1.50 at the school office. If, on a rare occasion your child forgets their water bottle, they are able to access fresh drinking water from our school fountain, which is located in the entrance to Robin classroom. This is accessible throughout the day and during playtimes.

Sun cream and sun hats

As the warmer weather arrives, please ensure you apply sun cream to your child before the start of the school day. Many brands now sell 'all day' sun cream which means there is no need for children to bring bottles of suncream in to school. Please also ensure that your child has an appropriate sun hat to wear outside.

Walk to school Week - Monday 20th – Friday 25th May

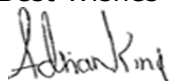
Later this term we will be celebrating 'National Walk to School Week' when we encourage as many of you as possible to walk to school, rather than jump in the car. If you live some distance away, then you may like to consider parking on the estate and walking through the allotments to school. This is called a 'park and stride' and will not only give you all some extra fresh air in the morning, but also greatly reduce the congestion outside the school. Throughout the week, the children will be recording their mode of transport and will receive a sticker for taking part. Please can I take this opportunity to remind all parents that we do not allow parking, or waiting, in the school car park, and that, if you absolutely need to park in West Stoke Road, you park safely.

Class photos

Please note that the photographer is in school on Thursday 13th June for class group photos. Please ensure all children come to school in full uniform.

Here's to a productive and sunny term ahead.

Best Wishes



Adrian King

If you have any ideas or additional suggestions for our school please feel free to complete the slip below and return to the school office at your convenience

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