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Dear Parents/Carers

**Welcome back!** We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break and that everyone is settled back into the school routine this week. Can I remind you all that our school day starts at 8.30am, with the gate opening at 8.20am to allow you to be on the playground ready by 8.30am.

Our **Food and Farming** theme week has been a massive hit this week. The children have all thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of the different animals that have been in school. A surprise hit was that they also absolutely loved seeing a real tractor up close. We send a big thank you to all the volunteer farmers who have given up their time and made such an effort for our children. Alongside the fun and joy, there has been a great deal of learning.

Little Clayhill Farm, one of our volunteers this week, run activities and holiday clubs for children and you can find their information on their website. I have visited them, on the road out of town just past Cannington, and I can highly recommend their lovely farm.

**Summer term** As we head into the Summer term and hopefully some warmer weather, I will take this opportunity to remind you all of our Summer uniform.

Grey or navy school uniform shorts for boys or girls, (plain, not sports style shorts), with school t-shirts and jumpers or cardigans (with our school logo, or plain to match the three colours).

Girls can also wear summer dresses but these should be matching to one of our three school colours of red, light blue or jade green (yellow is NOT one of our uniform colours). School uniform style shorts/play-suits are permitted but bear in mind, little girls can struggle to get out of a play-suit quickly when needing the toilet. Please make sure they can manage the buttons quickly if you choose them.

School shoes should be worn, not trainers or sandals, and in all cases, these must be closed with no open toes or heels etc.

As usual with the weather at this time of year, the way a day starts is not always the way a day ends. The sun is streaming through my window as I am writing this now, but it is also still very cold outside in the shade. Please continue to send your child with a coat as well as a sun hat (named please). We also ask that you apply sun-lotion at home before the school day. It's a sunny forecast for next week. Let's hope that doesn't change.

**Parents' workshop** I mentioned before the holiday that we will be hosting a "**Mental Health Support Team**" (MHST) workshop for parents on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 1.00-3.00pm. The aim of the session is to offer support to parents and carers, to answer any questions you may have

and to offer guidance and advice. You do not have to stay for the whole session but can just drop in to meet the team, and ask any questions about any worries you may have. Mrs Clements, our MHST lead, and Mrs Newcombe will also be available to talk about any worries you may have and hopefully feel reassured.

Most of our staff are parents and like you, we often worry about our children's confidence, happiness, anxieties, social communications, bedtime routines, separations from adults, bereavements, self-doubt and many other issues. Please take advantage of this free, open and non-judgmental service whilst we have access to it. As Government and Local Authority initiatives come and go, we may not always have this support in school and a simple conversation may make such a difference for some of you, as I know that some of you will see behaviours at home that we do not always see here in school.

Your children will bring home a booking slip for this today. Please return to school by next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**Head lice** Following my previous letters about head lice, we have had several conversations with parents about how difficult it can be to get rid of them. It can be tricky to recognise the nits (eggs) and in certain types of hair, the lice can be quite camouflaged. A few home remedies were suggested and several myths debated about how lice are transferred from head to head etc. We want to help and have organised an information session here in school on the afternoon of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. This will be open to all of us who are suffering to be sure we get the most up to date advice and guidance. We will send a booking slip home for this next week, we expect the session to last no longer than half an hour and for those who attend the session, you will be able to collect your child at the end to save you having to wait around for the end of the school day.

For both the mental health and head lice sessions, you can bring your babies and preschoolers into this session with you.

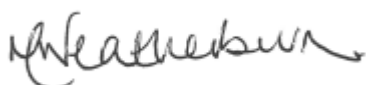
**Scooter park** I am aware that we are suffering from a significant amount of bird poo falling into the scooter park. We are cleaning the mushroom stands regularly but this is not helping much. We are currently looking for options to provide cover for this facility. We will do this as quickly as we are able, and apologise for this in the meantime.

**Finally**, a few parents are enquiring about dates for next year, 2025/2026. For us, school will reopen on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and close the following July (2026) on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be different to Hamp Academy and Robert Blake. We are just finalising a few INSET plans but should be able to send you our year calendar by the end of next week with details of the other holidays, parents' and INSET days.

We are always looking for volunteers to come in and listen to readers. If anyone is interested please enquire in the school office. Thank you.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or need any further support.

Yours sincerely



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