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Dear Parents and Carers

We are pleased to say that the health of our children and staff seems to have improved - at long last, and we have managed to prevent any further outbreaks in our classes. We have less illness in school than we normally have at this time of year, therefore, after speaking again with Public Health England, we have decided to remove the bubbles in school so the children can mix for the end of term transition days and celebrations. Now all we need is for the good Summer weather to continue.

We know that for some families the Summer holidays can feel very long and sometimes a countdown to school calendar is a big help. We have included a copy for you in this letter, but if you would like a printed copy, please ask in Reception and we can produce these on card for you. They are a bit brighter and clearer on the original copy.

We were so pleased that the Sports Activity Days could go ahead, and on Thursday and today, each class took part in a little variety of activities and challenges. They had great fun and the sessions were a real success.

We all breathed a sigh of relief when Night Pirates (Year 2) class was able to go on its trip yesterday to the Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury. It was so tricky trying to find another available date after having to cancel due to Norovirus (21 children from the class were absent on the original day), but with the help of the bus company, the Museum, Mrs Cowen's determination, some very kind volunteers, and by keeping everyone in bubbles to make sure the class and the staff didn't come down with anything else, we managed to get it done. They had a great time, and to top it off, the sun came out for them.

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, we will be having our change-over day in school. The children will spend the day in the new class that they will be in next year. They will get to spend time with their new teachers and teaching assistants and take part in a variety of activities. We have practised lining up in the correct position on the playground so they will know where to go on Monday morning. The year 2 children will spend the day with the Reception teachers. Don't forget, back to usual classes for the last two days.

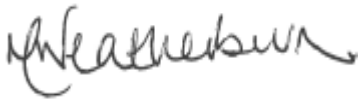
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July is picnic and party day for all children. The children can come dressed in party clothes/non-uniform but sensible shoes, please. We will be doing a variety of different activities and playing some fun party games, hopefully, with much of it happening outdoors. At the moment the weather forecast is saying overcast with sunny intervals in the afternoon. Please apply sun lotion before school and send sun hats. Thank you.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July is the last day of term. Year Two children will be singing their leavers song for their parents on the playground at 2.40pm (as we sadly had to cancel their leavers' assembly), so don't worry if you see other parents coming in a little bit early.

We are really pleased to share some exciting news with you, for one of our families. Hallie-Rae and her cousin Emily have been chosen as part of their Majorette troupe to represent England in a competition in Holland next year. Their families are currently fund-raising for this and have asked if they can sell cakes and ice-poles after school next week to help them. We are proud to support the family (Hallie's mum and Emily's dad attended school here too, as well as other members of their family), and if you would like to help support them, please bring some change with you after school next week. They will be set up on the new playground, opposite the main Reception area. Thank you.

There will be one more letter to look out for next week, the Summer term newsletter will be emailed out on Wednesday. We are saying goodbye to a few people this year, including Mrs Carol Guest who is retiring after 37 years as a Teaching Assistant. I am sure many, many of our families join me in wishing her a happy retirement. I will also take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Summer and to thank you all for your support. As always, please ask if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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