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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.

We have started this term off with a theme week of "Our community". The children have all thoroughly enjoyed the week, including all the different projects they have planned and worked on. Each class has chosen their own "community" theme.



Thank you to everybody who bought an item from Paddington Bear's stall on Wednesday. Your generous donations totalled a fantastic £110 for Bridgwater Foodbank! Phil from the foodbank visited on Friday to receive the donation and tell us about the valuable work they do for the community. What an amazing achievement - well done Paddington Bears and our whole school community!

Alongside the fun and joy, there has been a great deal of learning, don't forget to check out your child's Tapestry page.

A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who have helped to make some of these events happen.

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 themselves.

For footwear, school shoes must still be worn, not trainers or sandals, and in all cases, these must be closed with no open toes or heels etc. Everyone needs daps for outdoor PE lessons.

As usual with the weather at this time of year, the way a day starts is not always the way a day ends. Currently, we seem to be having very cold mornings and very warm afternoons. Please continue to send your child with a coat for school as well as a sun hat (named please). We work outdoors at different times across the whole day. We also ask that you apply sun-lotion at home before the school day. It's a quite dry and sunny forecast for next week. Let's hope that doesn't change.

Head lice There have been reports of head lice in almost half of our classes this week, and I know from conversations with some parents that many of you are finding this very frustrating. Head lice are a common occurrence in young children, and whilst they can be unpleasant, they are not usually harmful. They are spread through close head-to-head contact, which can happen easily during play and learning activities. We kindly ask that you check your child's hair this weekend and regularly over the next few weeks. I know many of you are all too familiar with head lice and have become experts at recognising and treating them, but that may not be the case for everyone. Even when you can see them, or see your child's constant itching, it can be quite difficult to find them and to get rid of all the eggs; in certain types of hair, the lice can be quite camouflaged. If you are new to the problem, please let us know. We have staff members who can support you to identify and treat them. Alternatively, if necessary, we can arrange an information session with the school nurse. We are happy to help.

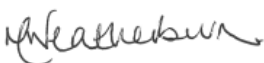
HNIS Website Some of you may have noticed that our new school website is now live. Unfortunately, since its launch, we have identified several errors and mistakes. We are also having some significant issues uploading any new material. Please bear with us, we are working with the provider to iron out these problems as quickly as we can, but in the meantime, if you would like any information regarding planning or letters, please let your teacher know.

Nursery office Our Nursery administrator does not work on Fridays, so the Nursery office is unstaffed on this day. Whilst the children are here, all Nursery staff are working in the rooms with the children so it is difficult for them to answer phones or the gate buzzer. Should you require access to Nursery or have any enquiries, please buzz or ring the school office for help.

Finally, a few parents are enquiring about dates for next year, 2026/2027. We plan to use INSET days at the beginning and end of the school year, so for us, school will reopen on Monday 7th September 2026 and close the following year on Wednesday 21st July 2027. This may well be different to Hamp Academy and Robert Blake. That will use four INSET days, our 5th INSET will be somewhere around April 2027, we are just waiting for confirmation of some training. We should be able to send you our calendar overview within the next two weeks with details of the other holidays, parents' days and INSET days.

If anyone is able to donate any items to our sharing sheds, we would be very grateful.

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



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