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Dear Parents,

As we head into the last week of the school year, life at school has an air of excitement and anticipation, helped by the sudden change in the weather. The children have all had a lovely week and although they are getting tired, I know next week will be full of more exciting times for them as we wrap up this year.

Sports Day

After a few false starts, we finally managed to have our annual sports day on Wednesday. With the brilliant support of Ackie and Ross from JSC, each key stage took part in a fun carousel of activities whilst working together in their school houses. The children loved the range of activities, from the ICON board to the water-fill.

The highlight of the afternoon was definitely the running races and it was amazing to have the entire school outside to watch and cheer one another on. The children competed outstandingly and celebrated the finalists from each year group.

Thanks to Ackie, Ross and all the staff for helping to make the afternoon such fun and a huge well done to all the children for their great sporting attitudes!

Drop Off Zone – September helpers needed!

We still have not had anybody volunteer to help with the Drop-Off zone in September. I know it might seem like a long way off, but I know September will be here before we know it. It would be extremely helpful to have a list of helpers before the end of term please. That way, all being well, we can get straight back into routine when school reopens on Monday 6th September.

Summer Works

During the summer break, we will be having some eagerly anticipated renovation work completed at Hampreston. Firstly, we have a full refit and refurbishment to the toilets and cloakroom area which will have a massive impact for the children as we return to our 'normal' entrance routines in September. We will also be having some internal restructuring in EYFS and Year 1 and I am excited to see this particular area of the school adapting and changing to suit our wonderful children.

If the opportunity arises, I will share the progress of these projects throughout the summer, so keep an eye on the school website!

July 19th (Step 4)

On Monday 19th July, the UK will begin Step 4 of the Government's easing of coronavirus restrictions. While this does mean much more freedom, we will continue to take a measured approach during our last week, retaining our routines until the end of term. Should we have any positive cases, we will continue to liaise with the DfE and Dorset Public Health Team on the management of the incident, taking whatever steps are necessary.

I am sure you will be as keen as I am to begin the summer break able to enjoy the freedoms we will all have and so I kindly ask you to remain vigilant over the coming days, informing the school should there be a suspected or confirmed case of Coronavirus.



Challenging Behaviour Information Sessions

Action for Children Dorset are running some free challenging behaviour sessions later on this year. Please see the link below to find out more information and to book your place.

[Challenging behaviour information sessions | Action for Children](#)

What a difference a week can make. From its dreary beginning on Monday and the anguish of England losing – on penalties again – to the blue skies and summer positivity of today, it has been a busy week. As we head into next week and a sense of ‘freedom’, can I wish you a happy, safe and dare I say, sensible penultimate weekend.

Enjoy the sunshine everyone.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. T. Williams
Headteacher

This Week:

To help support you at home and to spark conversations about learning, here is what the children have been covering this week.

	English	Mathematics
Reception	This week in reception we carried on with our camping theme and added an ice-cream shop and summer activities to our learning. We designed ice-creams, wrote orders for the ice-cream parlour and even did our end of year phonics assessments.	In maths, the children have been learning to measure using capacity. They learnt full, empty, nearly full, nearly empty and half full. We have also been practising forming our numerals accurately when writing them too.
Year 1	In literacy this week, we revised exclamation marks and question marks. We had fun varying our tone and expression through some improvised role play and we commented on the different punctuation that could be used to convey our tones. This week we also read <i>The Enchanted Wood</i> by Enid Blyton; the children enjoyed inventing their own lands. They produced some fantastic descriptions!	This week in maths, we took time to revisit place value. We specifically focused on using dienes as representations for tens and ones. The children successfully made a range of numbers up to one hundred. Thank you for a brilliant week, Year 1!
Year 2	Year 2 have written accurate sentences this week and learned some difficult spellings. We have read together and I am delighted with the progress the class have made this term in reading!	In maths we have looked at capacity and temperature and learned to read a scale with accuracy. We have also revised symmetry and pattern – making a beautiful butterfly puppet!
Year 3	Year 3 have been working hard on their double page spread of information about India. They are looking very professional! We will be focussing on the remaining words on the Year 3 and 4 spelling list. I would recommend your child keeps a diary of exciting activities they have enjoyed over the summer, to keep them in the habit of writing. They have all come so far with their handwriting, spelling and punctuation and we would like them to begin Year 4 with the same high standards!	In maths, we have been working hard on the 6 and 9 times tables. If your child keeps up their times tables practice over the summer holidays, they will find the general maths work much easier in Year 4.
Year 4	This week the children have been focusing on practicing their play. They have been brilliant at acting out the different scenes and singing all of the fantastic songs! Alongside this, the children have been researching and collating information for a presentation and have been practicing their speaking and listening skills by presenting this to the whole class. They have also been preparing different poems, prayers and artworks for our leavers service next week.	

Diary Dates 2020-2021

Summer Term	
Tuesday 20 th July	KS2 Production Filming
Thursday 22 nd July	Reception & KS1 Disco 5:30 – 6:15pm KS2 Disco 6:30 – 7:30pm
Friday 23 rd July	Leaver's Celebration 2:00pm Last day of term – Break up @ 3pm

Term Dates for Academic Year 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

First Day	Monday 6th September 2021
Half term	Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October 2021
Last Day	Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022

First Day	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Half term	Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2022
Last Day	Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

First Day	Monday 25th April 2022
Half Term	Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022
Last Day	Friday 22nd July 2022

In addition, the school will be closed on the following dates for staff training:

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

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Monday 2nd May 2022 – Bank Holiday