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Year 1 Newsletter Summer Term

Dear Parent,

A few dates for the diary:

- Monday 15th May - Parent Information Session (Informal) 9am
- Tuesday 23rd May - Parent Information Session on Relationships and Sex Education 9am
- Saturday 10th June- Prince of Wales Summer Fair
- Friday 23rd June- River Laboratory Trip
- Tuesday 27th June- Watercress Trip
- Friday 30th June- Class Assembly
- Monday 3rd July- Reception and Year 1 sports morning 9.30am-11am
- Monday 17th July - 2.30pm onwards - Open afternoon - chance to look at class work and go along to meet the new teacher

Topic

This term we will be working up to writing information texts all about animals. We will also get a chance to look at birds of prey and bats on our Watercress trip later in June. In addition to this trip, we have also kindly been given the opportunity to go on the River Laboratory trip, where we will get to explore wildlife by the river in Wareham alongside THS students! As well as writing information texts we will also be writing short narratives and poetry. In Maths we will be consolidating a lot of learning this year so far by applying to simple problem solving. We will also be learning how to multiply and divide numbers and working through some investigations learning about a systematic approach. In Design and Technology we will be concentrating on cooking, for example this week we are making scones and in the coming weeks we will be investigating how to make a variety of savoury food and compiling a recipe book. After half term in Design and Technology we will be designing and making wheeled vehicles.

Forest School

As you all hopefully know, we have started Forest School once again for Winter and Autumn groups. The children need long sleeved tops and wellies/ walking boots whatever the weather. When it is hot they will also need a sun hat and cream on. They may get their clothes dirty so please do send in some home trousers. All of this extra clothing needs to be brought in a labelled bag so that the children can get changed into during the afternoon. After half term I will put out a notice as a reminder for Spring and Summer groups turn.

Library Books

The children all really enjoy using the school library and we do encourage parents to take their children before and after school to change their books. Please can we have all book bags with all the books in everyday as we do use them in Group Reading? Sometimes your child will be sharing a book, if this is the case, then we will write it in their Home Learning diaries.

Spellings

It is great to see so many children practising their spellings. It definitely shows in the test on a Friday. After the test on a Friday the children use our Purple Progress Pens to practise the spellings they have got wrong so they can learn from the process. New spellings are usually given out on a Friday at the end of the day, all of these relate to the phonics sound we will be covering the following week. I am aware that some parents are unhappy about the pressure our introduction of spellings is having, please do not put extra pressure on, our Home Learning policy does hint at some fun games and activities you can do. Children love using ICT, so try this, type the spellings up, do alternate activities and make it fun.

Snacks and drinks

As it is now the summer term we should expect some warmer weather soon! Please make sure that your child has a labelled drinks bottle (water). These can be refilled throughout the day. A piece of fruit or healthy snack can also be labelled and placed in our snack tray. Fruit is available at play time for children who want it as well as milk.

Finally if anyone has anything they wish to make me and the team aware of, or simply would like to talk, I am always available at the beginning and the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kinhead and Mrs Hall