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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are already in the last half term of the year and that we are already beginning to plan next year! I will write to parents in July to let them know teaching arrangements for the coming year and also any dates that we already have for the coming term.

A special welcome to our new Year R families who have already begun to attend transition meetings. We very much look forward to you joining our school community.

Bike It Ray – Smoothie Bike and Bike Doctor

A huge thank you to Bike It Ray for carrying out the Bike Doctor Bicycle repair clinic so the children's bikes are ready for a summer of cycling. The children also enjoyed Smoothie Bike and making their own smoothies using cycle power.

NSPCC with O2 Online Safety Parents Workshop

Thank you to all who attended the Online Safety Workshop. We had some very positive feedback from parents.

As promised we will be covering the key messages again so that working parents have a chance to attend. We will be discussing this in our Sex and Relationship Workshop on the Tuesday 26th June at 6pm.

One of the key messages was helping parents gain accurate information on their child's online world and how important it is to keep up to date on Apps. The NSPCC and O2 have put together some useful information the following websites:

net-aware.org.uk

nscpps.org.uk/onlinesafety

You can also call 0808 800 5002 for advice and support on parental controls, adjusting privacy setting and understanding social networks in greater depth.

The police also have a really useful website which is up-to-date on aspects of e-safety:

ceop.police.uk/



School Fayre – Saturday 14th July 11.30am

This is wonderful community event, as well as raising important funds for the school. The event runs with the support of the entire school community. The SSA work very hard behind the scenes, co-ordinating the event, however they cannot run it without helpers. If you are able to help in any way either in preparation or on the day, please drop a note into the SSA post box in the reception area. There is a special plea for volunteers to man and run the BBQ on the day.

INSET day

We had a really productive INSET day working in teams on our curriculum for the coming school year. During the day we worked on our long term plan with an emphasis on Geography, History and Art as well as checking that the other curriculum subjects we revised during May's INSET, were incorporated into this long term plan.

I will write to you in the coming weeks with the dates for the INSET days for next year, once they are agreed with the Governing Body.

Pupil Holidays

I am writing with a polite reminder once again about pupil's leave of absence for family holidays. We are still seeing a number of families applying for holidays during term time. Whilst I fully understand, the cost of package holidays during the national school holidays can be a factor, I would ask you to carefully consider the impact this has on your child's education. Where we find children going on holiday during term time, they often miss important learning. This can impact in a number of ways, firstly they take a while to settle back into school and develop gaps in their learning. Secondly, time taken by teachers and teaching assistants to close those gaps has an impact as this takes time away from other pupils within the class. Lastly as a school, one of the criteria set by Ofsted for all schools to achieve Good or Outstanding is that attendance of all pupils is good - nationally this is around 96% plus. I would ask all parents to carefully consider the impact of holidays before booking. Thank you for your support on this.

Key Stage 2 Play – Shakespeare in the Park 7pm Wednesday 18th July (please note new time and venue)

As many of you may be aware, Thornden Hall has structural damage in the roof. One of our Year 6 Parents, Mrs Randall, has very kindly come to the rescue and arranged an alternative venue with a bit of a difference! We will be holding our Key Stage 2 Play at Harold Hillier's Garden's Open Air Theatre. The children will be presenting their own version of a Midsummers Night's Dream in this wonderful venue. We are really excited to have this wonderful opportunity and would like to thank Harold Hillier's and Mrs Randall for organising this. The stage is under cover meaning that we will hold the event in the unlikely event of a little summer bad weather.

We are hoping that the café at the venue will be open so you can have teas and coffees etc. But please pack a picnic and an umbrella for a little 'Shakespeare in the Park'.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

The Year 6 Leavers Assembly will take place in the school hall on Friday 20th July at 9.15am. Please note that this assembly is only for Year 6 families.

Wanted Volunteers for Key Stage One Friday afternoon Outdoor Learning/Gardening

In September, we would like to set up a range of small group activities on a Friday afternoon for the children in Year One and Two. The aim will be to get the children learning outside in small groups.

Activities will vary from gardening to creating trails and dens. If you are able to help please let me know.

Dinner Money

Apologies for repeating this plea, but, could I give another polite reminder about the importance of paying for dinners in a timely fashion. All balances do need to be zero by the end of the school year. If you are unsure of your balance or are yet to set up the online banking via SCO please speak with the Office as they are happy to help.

Best wishes,

Tina Thomas

Key Dates

18th June	Drama day Year 6
18th June	Year 1 Sea City Museum Trip
19th June	Class Photos
20th June	Country Dancing Festival – Bishops Waltham
22nd June	Year 4 Hillier's Garden Trip
26th June	KS2 SRE Evening 6pm
27th June	Parents' Forum Meeting 5pm
29th June	Year 4 Adventure Day
6th July	Fire Engine Visit Key Stage 1
8th July	School Grounds Group 1.30-4pm
9th July	Year 3 Gilbert White Selborne Trip
11th July	Music Concert – 2.15pm – details to follow
13th July	Sports day am
13th July	School reports to be issued
14th July	SSA Summer Fayre
18th July	KS2 Play 7pm Hillier's Gardens
19th July	Move up day for whole school
23rd July	Family Picnic 12 noon – come and join your child for lunch and early finish. END OF TERM
3rd September	First Day of Term

