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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first couple of weeks of this half term have been action packed.

We always welcome outside agencies into school to support pupil understanding of key points. Our year 5 and year 6 pupils participated well during an online safety session last week provided by the Breck Foundation. They learnt about the uses, advantages and disadvantages of AI in our world which produced a lot of interesting discussion! We welcomed the RNLI to spend the morning with us this week to instruct children on water safety. This is of great importance throughout the year but very timely as we approach the main summer holiday period. Further to the information sent out on Tuesday, please take some time to speak with your children about this so that they can share their learning about water safety with you. The RNLI would now love to hear parents' views on this topic and would really appreciate it if you could complete the following short survey. The questionnaire is anonymous, only takes a few minutes to complete, and will help the RNLI continue to strengthen and improve its programmes for schools and families.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sherbert>

Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed their residential trip to Broadstone Warren this week taking part in orienteering, problem solving, country walks and enjoying time around the campfire. This is a valuable opportunity for children to prepare to spend time away from their family in preparation for the three-night residential trip in year 6.

In other year groups, Year 4 pupils visited Croydon Gurdwara, year 2 and year 6 have been in the school garden with Grace Bartlett for outdoor learning sessions. Wendy, our gardener, has been working with children from across the school to prepare for a visit from London Children's Flower Society when they will judge our flowers and vegetables grown by the children.

We were also pleased to welcome back Stacey Bee from Morgan Sindall who supported our STEM Fair and events earlier in the year. The winners of the STEM Sculpture Competition were announced and three winners received LEGO prizes for their outstanding sculptures. The winning sculptures, using recycled materials, were Toad Hall, the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre and a beautiful vase of flowers. They demonstrated creativity, STEM skills and great effort. Well done to everyone for entering the competition.

Our school friend and author Tony Bradman visited our Year 5 classes this week as part of our work to help children to understand that we are all writers and to discuss his journey as a writer and his inspiration. Tony has been visiting us for a few years - huge thanks to him for offering insight and encouragement to our pupils!

In other great news, our efforts to promote children's oracy skills, have been commended by Cambridge University who have recently assessed us as to be strongly on track in the accreditation process to become a centre of excellence for the borough. Their interim report noted that the research carried out in school 'seems to have been a powerful learning experience for all involved - and for me as a reviewer!'

Our half termly newsletter now shares oracy tips with you to promote talk at home and we will be offering a parent/carer oracy workshop over the next couple of weeks and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible attending.

Additionally, I am delighted to share feedback from our reassessment last week for the Wellbeing Award for Schools. The report recognises the strong partnership the school has built with families and external agencies as well as the dedication of our staff in continually developing their expertise to meet the evolving needs of our pupils. We are particularly proud of the inclusive and nurturing environment that has been highlighted throughout the assessment, where children feel valued and supported. The award is a testament to the collective effort of our whole school community and we would like to thank everyone for their support.

This term we will have a whole school focus on Diversity, which is one of our school values. We encourage everyone to celebrate our differences and remind children that each person is unique and contributes to our school community in many different ways. Next week there is a national focus on Neurodiversity Pride Week. We have started some assemblies this week to celebrate diversity and to recognise that everyone deserves to feel valued and respected for who they are. Our assemblies and circle times will encourage children to think about how important respect and kindness are to them and how they can show this to others. Small steps of kindness and generosity of spirit go a long way in making a community strong and resilient with a clear sense of belonging and we ask families to reinforce this in their conversations with their children.

The RFC are planning for the Summer Fair which is rapidly approaching on Saturday 27th June. Please do volunteer your time to help out for an hour on the day. We are looking forward to the event which always has such a community based feel-good factor.

As usual the last few weeks of term tend to be very busy so we have attached a summary of events which we hope may be helpful. Please do remember to check the calendar on the school website which is regularly updated.

Dates for the Diary	
Monday 15 th June	Year 6 parent/carer meeting for the PGL Residential trip - 3.30pm
Tuesday 16 th June	Years 1 and 2 Sports Day (a.m.) Reception new parents meeting - 9.00a.m. Year 4 Quartz outdoor learning - a.m. Year 4 Crystal outdoor learning - p.m. Reception class visits for new children and parents/carers
Wednesday 17 th June	Reception class visits for new children and parents/carers
Thursday 18 th June	Year 3 and 4 Shakespeare workshop
Friday 19 th June	RFC own clothes day- tombola and/or bottle hoopla donation
Monday 22 nd June	Nursery Sports Day (a.m.) Reception Sports Day (a.m.) Year 5 and 6 Shakespeare workshop
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 5 outdoor learning a.m.
Wednesday 24 th June	Reception class visits for new children and parents/carers
Thursday 25 th June	Years 3,4, 5 and Year 6 Sports Day - a.m.

	Violin concert in music room - 3.30p.m.
Friday 26 th June	Parent Carer Forum meeting - 9.00a.m. Piano and Choir Concert (Eve Lambah's students) - 2.15 p.m.
Saturday 27 th June	Summer Fair
Monday 29 th June	Flute, trumpet and trombone concert - 9.00a.m.
Tuesday 30 th June	Nursery trip to Barnardo's Crystal Palace
Wednesday 1 st July	Piano Concert (students of Joanna Berridge) 9.00am Nursery open afternoon for new children and parents/carers - p.m.
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 3 trip to Wakehurst Place Nursery open afternoon for new children and parents/carers - p.m.
Friday 3 rd July	Year 6 pupils depart for the Isle of Wight PGL residential trip
Monday 6 th July	Year 6 PGL residential trip - children return
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 1 trip to Howletts Year 5 Field Trip to Beddington Park
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 6 Performance- 1.45pm
Thursday 9 th July	Reception Rockfest 9 th July 2.00p.m. Year 6 Performance - 6.00pm
Friday 10 th July	Rocksteady Concert- 9.15a.m. Year 6 disco 5.00-6.00pm
Monday 13 th July	Guitar concert - 9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 2 trip to Littlehampton
Wednesday 15 th July	Drum kit concert - 9.00a.m. Reception Family Fun Day
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.45pm Year 6 Leavers celebration BBQ 3.15pm
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term pupils finish at 1.30pm

Thank you all for your support.

Hope you all have an enjoyable weekend,

Helen Carvall