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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed the Easter break. We are looking forward to a busy summer term in school and hoping that the warmer and sunnier weather ahead will help us all to enjoy outdoor learning in our lovely school grounds a little more.

Many thanks to the parents and carers who took time to complete the questionnaires during the parent/carer consultation appointments last month. We are always very grateful for the feedback we receive and use this to plan forward to improve provision for our children and to meet the needs of the school community.

Many comments were focused on requests for additional after school care provision. Rockmount After School Club is always oversubscribed and we find it very difficult to extend this whilst maintaining the high quality of the provision as well as managing safe staffing ratios. Senior Leaders have carefully considered parental feedback and have decided that we will open a new Rockmount Early Years After School Club which will offer 32 places and be based in our school Nursery room. We are aiming to start this after the May half term break to provide care for children initially from Reception and Year 1. This will in turn release pressure on places in the main After School Club facility and open up some places for children from Year 2 upwards. We hope that this news is well received by the school community; detailed information will follow next week.

The Parent/Carer Forum meets every half term. At the last meeting, we discussed supporting Rockmount Friends and Community (RFC – our school PTA) to raise funds for the purchase of new sound/production equipment for the main hall whilst offering the children some fun, enriching activities. Over the remainder of this school year and next, parent and carer representatives of the Forum and the RFC will be putting on a series of new events which includes movie nights for Years 1&2, 3&4 and 5&6. The Year 1&2 movie night will be held on 16th May- please look out for further information next week on how to purchase tickets.

Our next Community Club session will be held on Sunday 11th May and we are hoping to have sufficient help from the school community to build a new composting area in the Edible Garden as well as many other activities. The flyer for this will be sent out next week but please do save the date to help us develop the garden areas of the school whilst having some family fun.

Just a little reminder that our lost property boxes are full again! Please make sure that all items of clothing are named and check for lost items in the boxes which are placed under the open roofing area at the top of the stairs in the main playground.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend,

Helen Carvall