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Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers

Welcome back to our final term of this academic year, and I trust you all had a good half term – enjoying the weather when hot and the magical thunderstorms when wet!

This term promises to be as busy as ever, with lots going on. This week is our DT week, with Tinley Class focusing on making footwear, Hampton Class are researching and creating bridges, and Fairlawne Class are researching WW2 food, seasonal vegetables and preparing and making soup.

I need to inform you that Mrs Holmes has had to withdraw from school life due to medical reasons and will be off for at least the next month – we wish her a speedy recovery and hope to have her back as soon as possible. In the meantime Fairlawne will be taught by Mrs Daters and Mrs St Pier – a partnership which worked well earlier this year - and we thank Mrs St Pier for agreeing to return to Shipbourne.

On Thursday evening some of our year 5 and 6 children will be competing in the annual Tonbridge and Malling swimming gala – a fantastic event where we compete against other local schools. If your child is competing, please come and support the school!

Next Tuesday evening, June 12th, we are hosting our new entrants parents evening between 6pm and 7pm – I cannot believe this event has come round so quickly! The following day the new entrants will be in school between 2 – 3pm, and year 1 and year 3 children will move up into their new classes for that hour. After school that day we host our annual netball tournament with schools from our collaboration; you are most welcome to stay and support our team of excellent players!

On Thursday and Friday – 14th and 15th June, year 1 children will undertake their phonics screening with Mrs Reynolds, and we will also have our Creative day on Friday with a focus on the artist David Hockney. Please come and support the school at the annual fete on Saturday 16th June starting at 12 noon. There will be plenty to entertain the family, and food (BBQ) and drink will be available to purchase. The PTA raise invaluable funds for the school at these events, which help us provide your children with resources to support their learning – and of course they are a lot of fun!

On Thursday 21st we have our sports day and picnic; starting at 10.30 am – we aim to be finished by 12.15 when you are welcome to stay and have a picnic with your child. If you are unable to stay, school dinners will be ordered and delivered as normal.

Our year 5 and 6 children have their residential during the week of the 25th June at Windmill Hill, and there is a meeting for those children and parents this Wednesday at 3.15 in Fairlawne.

As always, during the last term I will be running the bikes and trikes afterschool club for Reception and Year 1 children till 4pm on Monday afternoons – beginning next Monday – 11th June and finishing on Monday 9th July. Children are welcome to bring their own bikes or use the scooters at school. All other clubs run as per last term.

Further Diary Dates:

Friday 22nd June – Year 6 ADAD transition workshop at Stocks Green/New entrants in – transition for Year 1 and Year 3

Monday 25th June – Year 5/6 residential for the week

Tuesday 26th June – New entrants/transition for Year 1 and Year 3

Tuesday 4th July – Years 2, 3 and 4 to Igtham Mote/Year 5 &6 Tonbridge School Community Day

Thursday 5th/12th Year 5/6 swimming – TBC

Friday 6th July – Year 5 Buddies with new entrants for Teddy Bear Picnic

Friday 13th - Reports home to parents

Tuesday 17th July – Whole School trip to Knockhatch

Wednesday 18th July – Whole School Open Afternoon

Thursday 19th July – Leavers Service at the church 1.30pm

Friday 20th July – Last day of term; Early finish at 2pm.

As always, thank you for your continued support for the school.

Kind Regards

Mrs Karen Dodd