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People with time for Children

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your kind donations of sponsor money for the reading challenge, we raised just over £400 and are now waiting for our new books to arrive for the children to enjoy.

Also thank you for the donations of clothes for the Rags2Riches clothing collection. We received 15 bags and raised £34. Our next collection is at the end of June.

Donations

Mrs Webb is asking for donations of Lego, if you have any spare please bring it into school. Thank you.

Lost Property

Once again we have a rather large selection of unnamed lost property. Please check through the items located in the School Library and claim lost items. All items not collected will be passed to Mrs Webb for her nearly new uniform shop.

Friends Summer Fair

The Friends are busy organising the Summer Fair which will take place on Saturday 22nd June. They will be holding event days for donations as follows:

Friday 17th May – Funky Hair in return for donations of Bottles – please note hair must be back to normal for the Monday

Wednesday 12th June – Non Uniform for Jazzy Jars

Stay and Play Sessions

Pre-School children and their parents / carers are welcome to join us at our Stay and Play sessions which we hold each Tuesday morning from 9.00 – 10.30. Sessions will take place each week starting Tuesday 7th May, please note that there will not be a session on Tuesday 14th May.

School Meals

Please note that the cost of a school meal has reduced to £2.34 per day, £11.70 per week. Please ensure that your parentpay account is in credit before ordering a meal for your child. Thank you.

Clothes and Weather

We ask that children bring in a waterproof coat each day, this will enable them to go outside at break and lunchtimes if we have slight drizzle or spots of rain. Also when it is sunny we ask that sun hats are brought into school and sun cream is applied before school. Sun cream can be brought into school but children must be able to apply it to themselves. Please make sure that all items are labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

Holidays in Term Time

We continue to implement the Government rules around holidays in term time. Whilst we fully understand the financial pressures on many families and the significant savings that can result from booking family holidays during term time, we would urge you to avoid making such bookings. The law states that parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw pupils for school for a holiday and have to apply for permission in advance. Such

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permission is granted in accordance with arrangements made by the governing body in line with the Department of Education's statutory guidance and department advice.

When an application is made for an authorised absence during term time the Head Teacher will give consideration to the following:

- The nature of the proposed absence/is this a truly exceptional circumstance
- The age of the child
- The timing of the absence
- The attendance pattern in the present and previous academic years

Some examples of what may constitute exceptional circumstances are:

- To have a short absence to attend a family wedding; or to attend a special family reunion, or to attend a special religious/cultural festival
- If a parent, due to the nature of their work, cannot possibly take time off during regular school holidays. This would need to be evidenced by letter from the employer

Please note: to have a week's holiday during school time because the cost is cheaper during term time, does not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Any holidays that are taken during term time, which have not been previously agreed by the Head Teacher will be marked as unauthorised and appropriate action taken following government/Local Authority guidelines. This could result in a warning letter being issued or potentially a penalty notice being issued by the Local Authority.

We want to work with our families to promote good attendance for all of our pupils to ensure that they are in school regularly in order to make the most of the educational opportunities that are available to them.

Residential Visit – April 2020

Reminder: a payment of £50.00 is required by 14th June 2019 for those attending next year's visit. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 8 th May	Eco Warriors Litter Pick
Wednesday 8 th May	Hartpury Physical Activity Project
Thursday 9 th May	Chestnut Class Swimming
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SAT's Week
Wednesday 15 th May	Nearly New Uniform Sale 2.30 – 3.15 – Willow Room
Tuesday 21 st May	Hartpury Physical Activity Project
Wednesday 22 nd May	Christian Aid Fund Raiser – Details to follow
Thursday 23 rd May	Last day of Term 5
Friday 24 th May	Inset Day 3 – School closed for Pupils
Monday 3 rd June	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 4 th June	Chestnut Class visit to Hartpury College – Details to follow
Wednesday 5 th June	Year 6 Leaves Service at Gloucester Cathedral and Bowling – details to follow
Thursday 6 th June	New to reception class – parent meeting
Monday 10 th June	Class and Leavers Photographs
Thursday 13 th June	County Dance Festival
Wednesday 19 th June	Reserve Country Dance Festival
Thursday 20 th June – 25 th June	Book Fair
Saturday 22 nd June	Friends Summer Fair – Details to follow
Friday 28 th June	Rags2Riches clothing collection
Saturday 29 th June	St Ethelberts Church Summer Fair
Wednesday 10 th July	Junior Afternoon Performance
Thursday 11 th July	Junior Evening Performance
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 visit to Skillzone
Friday 12 th July	Reports issued to parents
Friday 19 th July	Last day of Term 6

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