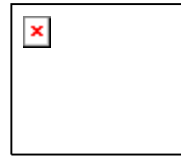




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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a short, but very busy half-term!

The Year Six children have all taken their end of Key Stage Two SATs. A series of nine tests over five days, covering all the English, Mathematics and Science that the children have learned over the past seven years! All of the children did a wonderful job and we are really proud of their hard work, determination and effort. I am sure that they will be rewarded in due course when the results are returned to school. Well done Year Six!

Today is the last day of half-term before the holiday, and we are all looking forward to Mrs Barraclough's return at the beginning of next term, 1st June (Me more than anyone I think!).

The APT are working extremely hard to try and put on the Summer Fayre on Saturday 6th June. The APT raise a substantial sum of money each year which benefits all children within the school. This year they have paid for the pantomime trip to the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil; last year they supplied a considerable contribution toward the adventure playground and infant outdoor play equipment.

Unfortunately, the APT are extremely short of helpers. At the last meeting only three non-staff members were able to attend and there have been very few offers from parents able to give time on the day of the fayre. We all appreciate how busy peoples' lives are and understandably many of us have commitments that are booked far in advance of being asked to help out at the fayre, but if you could give even an hour to help on a stall, or would be prepared to give an hour to help set up or pack away at the beginning or end of the fayre it would be so much appreciated by the staff, governors and other members of the APT. If you think you could help, please contact Mrs Gates in the school office. Even a small amount of time is a big help. The more helpers we have, the less work each helper needs to do.

Oak class enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Fleet Air Arm this week. The children are always beautifully behaved, but on this occasion it was wonderful to hear from a member of staff at the museum that our children were the best group they have ever had! Thanks to all those people who made it possible and thank you to parents for your contributions which make these visits possible. Whilst we can only ask for voluntary contributions, it is great to know that 98% of all parents pay the full cost of the trip and those that cannot manage, always make an effort to contribute what they can afford. This is particularly good news considering the current economic climate. As a school we will continue to subsidise the costs of trips wherever possible to ease the burden on parents whenever we can.

On Sunday 21st June (Fathers' Day) the school will be hosting the Sunday Church service. This should be a wonderful occasion. Following the short service, there will be a barbecue, so after our spirits have been fed, the body will shortly after be nourished (we hope that anyone coming along will be able to bring a salad or dessert to add to the picnic feel)! After the barbecue, it will be the perfect opportunity to enjoy a walk around some of the beautiful gardens in Evercreech, as it is

the Evercreech open garden day. We really hope you'll be able to come along and join us. Feel free to bring along friends and family. The more the merrier!

Friday 5th June will be Dress Down Friday. On this occasion there will not be a cake sale and we are not asking for monetary donations. Instead we would like each family to donate a cake or a bottle (of something to drink) for the Summer Fayre. We are not asking for each child to bring a donation as we understand that this can be difficult when you have two, three or even four children with us here at school.

There are two keys that have been found around the school, these are in the office should anyone have mislaid one.

Finally a big thank you from me to all of you. Today is my last day taking care of the school, before Mrs Barraclough's return and it has been made an easy job thanks to all the hard work, support and care given by staff (especially Mrs West, who has looked after Pine Class for me), children, governors and of course the parents. I am very much looking forward to next half-term when I will be back with my class enjoying all of the fun that the summer term in a primary school always brings.

Have a lovely half-term break, and enjoy being with your children.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Head Teacher