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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school, and to the start of the Summer term! We have enjoyed a great start to the term – the children have settled back into their classes really well and have enjoyed being outside together at break and lunchtimes. We are starting to plan events for the summer term, and expect to resume some of our sports clubs as the term continues. We are awaiting further guidance regarding trips and outings before we consider planning these, and will follow national and local guidance as it becomes available. Watch this space!



Reception Places

The offers for Reception places are sent out today. We became aware that there is a significant shortfall in places available for children living in the village and have worked with the local authority to find a way to address this. A separate letter has been sent out to parents of children who have been offered places; please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.



Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week

Phoebe from Year 5 is organising various events supporting Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week which takes place from 22nd – 28th April this year. Families in our school are affected by MS, so we will be collecting used printer cartridges and stamps in school, which can be used to raise money for the MS society. Everyone is invited to show their support by wearing something orange on any/every day next week– this could be an item of clothing, a ribbon, badge or sticker. There will be a collection box in the office, if anyone wishes to donate any loose change.



School Photographs

The School Photographer will be in on Monday 19th April. Sibling groups will be able to be taken. Please speak to Ms Pearce in the School Office, if you would like pre-school children to be included in a family picture. All social distancing and cleaning measures will be in place.



Travel Initiatives

We have been able to organise some road safety workshops for the children, which will take place in the classroom, via technology. These will be run by the Road Safety team and will take place on the following days:

Wednesday 21st

Reception: Staying safe and travelling safely in the car

Year 1: Crossing the road safely

Year 3: Safe Crossing places

Friday 23rd

Year 4: Pedestrian Skills

Next week

Wednesday 28th

Year 5: Avoiding the dangers of distractions

Friday 30th

Year 6: Road safety and future independent travel

The workshops for Year 2 will be available later in the year.

The children may wish to try out their road safety skills, or talk about the things they have learnt, following these sessions.



Arrival and departure from school

As you may be aware, we have a number of parents and grandparents who come into the extremely clinically vulnerable category, but need to come onto the school site to drop off children. It would be really helpful if people could keep the entrance, paths, pavements and exits clear, by keeping the flow of people moving. There are varying opinions regarding the benefits of wearing face masks outside; the most important factor in reducing infections has been shown to be social distancing, but where this could be difficult, masks are recommended. Therefore, for those who choose not to wear a mask, we request that extra care is taken to avoid any contact with other people. I am sure you are all as keen as I am to avoid any school closures and move forward to fewer restrictions as soon as possible

Thank you for reading this newsletter. Please remember I am always happy to discuss any issues with you.

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER