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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have enjoyed a fantastic couple of weeks in school. With the sun shining, there has been plenty of outdoor learning, and the older children have loved having the freedom of the field at playtime. We are continuing to have staggered break and lunchtimes until further guidance is received from the government, but are looking forward to when it will be safe for the children to mix again in the future. We have started planning events for later on in the term – dates below.



Birthday sweets

We had paused giving treats out during the pandemic but are aware that with the return to normality, children are wishing to celebrate their birthdays again. Having undertaken a risk assessment, we are able to give out sweets in packets, but not cakes. Although currently, there are no confirmed cases of people catching covid from food packaging, we continue to err on the side of caution.

We are able to give out individually packaged sweets – if these are in an unopened larger bag – e.g. packets of haribos, we can give these out directly. If the outer packaging has been opened (for example, so they can be counted) we ‘quarantine’ them for 48 hours. Any items are given out at the end of the day so that parents are able to supervise their children washing their hands before eating them, and also have the choice of when/whether they wish them to have the sweets. Thank you for your support.



Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our Multiple Sclerosis Awareness week by wearing orange/donating money, cartridges or stamps and buying the items available. Huge congratulations to Phoebe and her team, who have led the week and raised £285 so far for the charity!



Laptops

Following the fantastic response to our call for laptops, we now have a limited number available which we are able to give out on long term loan. The laptops have to be used for school work and topic research only. If your child does not have access to a laptop at home, please let us know. Priority will be given to children in KS 2.



Ducklings

We have all been captivated by the ducklings hatched by Year 2 – even Miss Grainger! Last week, our highlight was teaching them to swim! Some of you may remember our duck Lucky, who was the school pet for many years. We are all keen to have ducks again in the future, and are working on some plans... in the meantime, when our little ducklings become too big to keep in school, they will be going to live free range at a local landowners estate. Thank you very much to Mrs Eaton, for all of her hard work and expertise in hatching and duck rearing and to Zoe Cooper for her beautiful photos!



Basketball

Huge congratulations to our fantastic team of Basketball players in Year 4, who are the Virtual Basketball county winners! Led by Tristan and Mel, the team have put great effort into achieving such an impressive result.



Bikeability

We are delighted to be able to run the Bikeability course for Year 6, which will take place from May 6th. The children have been given letters, but please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries if your letter has not made it home!



Events

We have started to plan in some events which we plan to run in some form, even if the format has to be slightly different from usual. We will continue to add more as we are able.

Date	Time	Event	People involved
21.6.21 – 25.6.21	All Day	Activity week for Year 6 – trips and events throughout the week.	Year 6 children and staff.
1.7.21	p.m.	Virtual Big Sing – involving the whole school in a national singing event, held online.	Children and staff
9.7.21	TBC	Sponsored Walk	Children, staff and hopefully parents.
14.7.21	p.m.	Year 6 Production Dress rehearsal	Children and staff
15.7.21	2.00	Year 6 Production Matinee	Year 6 children, staff and their families
16.7.21	7.00	Year 6 Production	Year 6 children, staff and their families

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20.7.21	a.m.	Sports Day – FS & Ks 1	Children, staff and hopefully parents.
	p.m.	Sports Day - KS2 - afternoon	
21.7.21	a.m.	Leavers’ Service	Year 6 children, staff and their families
21.7.21	p.m.	Leavers’ farewell	Year 6 children, staff and their families
21.7.21	Evening	Leavers’ Party	Year 6 children, staff and their families



Community News

Care in my home (t/a OmerCare Ltd) are a small care company, operating in and around the village of Codicote, providing care in the home for anyone who requires it.

We are looking for part time Carers to join our team. We are particularly looking for Carers that can work some weekends and evenings.

We offer good rates of pay, training and support, together with the opportunity to work in a friendly team.

Please contact Kate Omer on 01438 820999 or email admin@omercare.co.uk for more information.

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Thank you for reading this newsletter. I hope you have a very enjoyable long bank holiday weekend. Please remember I am always happy to discuss any issues with you.

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