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Dear families,

We have successfully made it to the end of another incredibly busy term. It has been good to begin to do some of the activities everyone has been missing out over recent months. It was fantastic to see Buzzards Class head off on their first trip in a while and we were thrilled to be able to celebrate World Book Day earlier this week. We look forward to continuing further events and activities during Term 6.

Thank you all for putting so much effort into making World Book Day such a success. The children were so excited and there was such a positive buzz around the school both during the day and at our Books at Bedtime event. Thank you to Friends for providing hot chocolate and a biscuit for each child.

As you will be aware we have made some changes to our morning routine, asking families to ensure they do not enter the school site until 8.45am at the earliest. We thank you for your co-operation with this. As we move towards a new term we ask that all families are mindful of the fact that the school day begins at 8.55am promptly and it is in your child's best interests to be in school on time so they can begin the school day with the whole class.

I'd like to wish you all a happy half term. School begins again on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 8.55am. *Mike Riches*

### **Curious Linguists – week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June**

On the first week of Term 6 we have our first Curious Linguists week of the year. This will kick start the re-launch of our Languages curriculum which was originally launched two years ago. The children will be exploring a specific language through the week along with countries and cultures from the places in which each language is spoken. We are aiming to have class assemblies for families during the afternoon of Friday of that week (11<sup>th</sup> June).

Due to the uncertainty of the weather we will confirm arrangements around this with you early in the week.

### **RSE (Relationships and Sex Education)**

We will be teaching the Changing Me element of Jigsaw PSHE during Term 6 which includes opportunities for children to learn about puberty and reproduction in specific year groups. On our class newsletters at the start of the new term, you will find more detail about the content which will be covered in your child's class. Please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher if you would like any further information.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our information session for parents of children in Golden Eagles Class yesterday. Please do contact the school if you would like to discuss anything on this subject.



### Changes to Covid regulations

Many of the regulations placed on schools remain the same. During Term 6 we will continue with measures such as regular hand washing through the day as well as ensuring adequate ventilation in all parts of the school.

One measure we are hoping to change is around the bubble system at school. Should local rates remain low over the next few weeks we plan to merge our two Key Stage 2 classes – Buzzards and Golden Eagles – into one bubble. This will enable the classes to work together to prepare for and perform their end of year play and it will also enable us to improve our lunchtime structure.

This potential change is likely to take place from week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> June, the third week of term. Please rest assured this is within the government guidance for schools and will only take place should the local situation not worsen.

### Walk to school week

*Thank you to everyone who took part in walk to school week last week. That little bit of extra exercise benefits us in many ways and it was great to see so many children and staff braving the wet weather to walk to school each day. Year 5 and 6 children from Sports Leaders club kindly kept a record of how many participated. On average, 56% of the school walked, cycled or scooted in to school last week. Well done everyone and keep it up! Mr Brown.*

Don't forget: Walk to School Wednesdays continues throughout Term 6.

### INSET days 2021-2022

Our INSET days for the next academic year will take place on the following dates:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Please note: the next academic year begins on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. All children in Years 1 – 6 must be in school from that day.

### New classes for September 2021

Early next term the teachers will begin to get to know the children who will be moving up in September. This will include a series of events including class visits from the teacher to the current class, class visits for the children to their new class and an opportunity for teachers to discuss each child in detail before they begin.

In the next newsletter we will let you know whether there will be any changes to our staffing structure for the new school year.



### Support for families including online safety – essential information

Along with this newsletter you should have received an attachment from Compass, our Early Help support team. The information includes a range of support systems and organisations that can be accessed according to various needs. Please do take a look – this information can also be found on our website.

We would once again like to urge families to be acutely aware of their children's online activities. Since the lockdown earlier this year we are finding that there has been an increase in online use amongst many children at our school and beyond; in many cases this has impacted negatively on children's mood and overall behaviour. It is essential that you keep an open dialogue about what they may be doing online in order to keep them safe as the Internet can be a very dangerous place for children if left unchecked. **We cannot emphasise this enough.**

Please take a look on the NSPCC website for more information: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

### Little Princess Trust

Next Thursday, Nora (Year 3) is cutting her hair for the third time in order to raise money for the Little Princess Trust. This very important charity makes real hair wigs for children with cancer. Nora is also raising money for St. Peter's hospice. If you would like to make a donation please click the link below.

[Nora's hair donation](#)

Well done Nora. What an amazing way to show you care!

### Vacancy

We are looking for a lunch Break Supervisor to start in September .This position is for 5 days per week 11.55 – 13.15 term time only. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this position please see;

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs/iron-acton-church-of-england-primary-school-jobs-25615/?oo=ag>

Thank you.



**Dates for your diary**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Information</b>
First day of Term 6	07.06.21 8.55am	
Dance sessions with Kenzi begin	07.06.21	Each class will have one afternoon session during the term with dancer Kenzi who has worked with school before.
Year 6 residential	14.06.21 – 16.06.21	
Year 5 day trip to Wilderness Centre	15.06.21	
Moving up morning	16.06.21	Each year group will spend the morning in their new classroom and will meet their new teacher.
INSET day	21.06.21	School will be closed to children.
Health week	22.06.21 – 25.06.21	
Falcons day trip to SS Great Britain	25.06.21	
Class photos	28.06.21	
Sports day	02.07.21, pm	
Key Stage 2 performance	07.07.21 1.30pm	A decision will be made nearer the time about how this will be shared with families; we hope to have a small audience in the Parish Hall. Buzzards and Golden Eagles to be involved.
Angel Heart Theatre visit (in the Parish Hall)	12.07.21	All children will be invited to watch this performance during the school day.
Year 6 leavers' service	16.07.21 2.00pm	
Art week	19.07.21 – 21.07.21	
Last day of Term 6	21.07.21 3.15pm	

