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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what is going to be a very busy term! We hope you all had an enjoyable break and that the children are ready to work just as hard in the coming term and they all did last term. May we take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support in making last term so successful? Please continue to support the children in their home learning, reading and spelling.

Thank you!

Swimming

As you are already aware, 5SC have now completed their swimming programme at Holly Hill Leisure Centre and 5JC have now commenced their swimming programme. 5MC will then go swimming after 5JL. This is part of the Government initiative to ensure that all children are provided with swimming skills which will ensure that they are safer around water. This year there is more emphasis on the life-saving aspect during the lessons. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Trips

Plans are being finalised for our trip to East Dene that takes place after the Easter Break in the summer term. Deposits have already been taken for the trip and the final payment is due by the end of March. If there is any problem with this, please speak to the office team. We would encourage parents to use the online payment system, however if you wish to pay through the office this is also possible.

River Trips

As part of our 'Rivers' topic this term, we will be visiting a few areas of the River Hamble to experience different aspects of rivers for our Geography topic. Our Literacy will also be driven by 'Rivers' this term and our whole-class reading book, 'The Wind in the Willows', will be our stimulus for writing. The children will locate the 'source' of the river and then follow the journey through to the 'sea' at Hamble. The visits will take place early February, which might be cold. Therefore, we would like the children to bring in warm, outdoor clothes to wear for the visit including wellington boots and a waterproof coat. Dates are located at the end of the letter. Mr Stockton will be leading the Mable River Field Trips with each class.

Easter Production

A major undertaking in Year Five for the second half of the spring term is the Easter Production. Where possible, every child who wishes to act, dance or sing will be able to do so and this is a wonderful opportunity for some real teamwork. The Easter production supports the English and music curriculum and supports pupils' understanding of the processes involved in a theatrical performance. Please pencil in the two evening performance dates of Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd April in your diaries.



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Parents' Evening

We look forward to seeing you at parents' evenings on 20th and 21st March where we will update you on your child's progress. We have an open door policy so if you would like to speak to us at any time or come to see your child's work before then, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher.

Home learning

Year 5 have home learning set on a Thursday and collected in on a Tuesday. Reading journals are also due in on a Tuesday and are a vital part of home learning as they inform our teacher assessment about independent reading habits.

We endeavour to make home learning tasks relevant to our classroom topics, achievable and reflective of their classroom activities and above all enjoyable.

Please can I remind you that if your child has not handed in their home learning by Wednesday morning they will be asked to complete the activity in their lunchtime. The same applies for reading journals. There is also a homework club for children on Fridays, 12:00 – 12:30 in the computer suite if your child wishes to attend. Please note this is supported by a teacher but children will be expected to complete their work independently. Also, don't forget to sign to say you agree with your child's attitude score on their home learning sheet.

May we also urge you to remind your child that they have their P.E. kits in school for the relevant days and water bottles and reading books every day. As you all lead busy lives, do encourage your children to be responsible for these items and to find ways to remind themselves about them. This will help them to grow increasingly independent as they move towards the secondary school.

Dates for your Diary

River trip

Monday 4th February 5MC,
Tuesday 5th February 5JL
Thursday 7th February 5SC

Spring term disco

Friday 8th February

In-service Day

Friday 15th February

Half Term

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February

Cinema Evening

Friday 8th March

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 20th March

Parents' Evening

Thursday 21st March

Easter Production

Tuesday 2nd April 8pm

Wednesday 3rd April

Easter Services

Thursday 4th April

End of term

Friday 5th April

Finally, as during last term, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. The office will make an appointment after school if necessary but we can usually be 'caught' to discuss quick matters on the playground at the end of the day. We look forward to enjoying this term in partnership with you!

Kind Regards

Mrs Curran

Mr Langdon

Miss Cummins



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