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Dear Parents and Carers

As we head rapidly toward term six I am aware of a number of new dates and activities that have been added to our school calendar. Therefore I thought I would send the term six newsletter a bit earlier so that you get the dates this side of the holidays. You will be aware that our next topic is

THE BEATLES

During this topic the children will be learning all about life in the 60s and early 70s; from children's toys to popular music; from football (1966!!) to landing on the moon (1969).

I'm sure that **Monday 5th June 2017** will be a really splendid start to our topic with the children and staff in 60/70 costume and I'm sure it will be very hard to judge who will win the fancy dress competition at the School Fete on **Saturday 17th June 2017** when children and staff will again be in their fancy dress as well as parents!

Pentecost Picnic:



As part of the School's Church of England calendar we celebrate Pentecost and **Monday 5th June 2017** is our Pentecost Picnic which parents are invited to attend. We will start at 1.45 pm with a short act of Collective Worship. We will then spend time in small groups to share a picnic snacks and the children will be able to play using the school's outdoor equipment. Siblings accompanied by adults are very welcome to attend but please make sure you know where they are at all times!

Please bring a light snack for your child. If you are not able to come your child may bring a snack in the morning and give it to their class teacher.

We do hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

Dads' and Lads' day Monday 19th June 2017 at 9.15 – 11.30am (including brothers, uncles, family friends, grandfathers, old dads and new dads)



Today's father figures have a much more challenging role than their 1960s counterpart! The role has altered to accommodate new parenting expectations. Modern fathers take on many tasks that during the 1960s were considered a 'mothers' only' role such as, nurturer, caregiver and teacher.

We would like to celebrate all that the brothers, uncles, family friends, grandfathers, old dads and new dads contribute to the lives of children in 2017. Therefore we are inviting them into school on the day after Father's Day on **Monday 19th June 2017** at 9.15 – 11.30 am (which is also our Save the Children Den Day). After a short values assembly the children and 'Dads and Lads' will spend the morning making all sorts of dens around the school and in the small woodland next to the staff car park! Please feel free to bring any resources you feel would help you in making your den.

The den making activities will support our science and outdoor learning curriculum. We will also be supporting Save the Children Den Day and a collection plate will be available during assembly.



Summer Fete Saturday 17th June 2017 12.00 – 3.00pm

Our Summer Fete is always a fantastic event and a great money raiser and this year will be no exception. FOBGS do an outstanding job and work so hard to make the day a success. The children too are working hard to learn dances and music recitals to perform on the day. There will be a fancy dress competition for children and adults as well as all the old fete favourites!

FOBGS are holding a competition for the children to design the front cover of the fete's Programme of Events and to go on the entry tickets. The children will soon bring home more information on how to take part (including paper for art work, topic and donations) and we hope this will be a fun half term activity.



26th June – 30th June 2017 will be prayer week.

Mrs Dale has worked with members of St Peters church in Furze Platt and Jubilee Church, Maidenhead who will be supporting us in our Prayer Spaces in Schools week. During the week a large tent will be in the school grounds; the tent will have different

areas each of which will be a place of action and reflection based around our school's values. For example, at the area entitled 'Thankfulness' children write on a post-it something they are thankful for. The tent will be open to parents during the school day and on our open afternoon.

Open Afternoon Thursday 29th June 2017

Open evening will take place on **Thursday 29th June 2017** straight after school 3.15 – 4.15pm it will be a chance for you to see the amazing displays around the school and get a glimpse of your child's next classroom and what life will be like there. For Y2s it is a rather nostalgic 'I remember doing that...' occasion that they really enjoy.



Sports Day Wednesday 5th July 2017



This year we have once again been invited to use the playing fields at Claires Court School for our Sports Day. The event will be in the morning so please could you take your child to Claires Court between 9.15 – 9.30 am; this will avoid traffic and parking issues with parents from Claires Court. After sports day your teacher will return your child to you to transport to Burchetts Green in time for lunch!

Whole School Trip Tuesday 18th July 2017 – Taplow Court

On **Tuesday 18th July 2017** we will all be visiting Taplow Court Gardens and House for a whole school picnic and fun day. The children will take part in educational workshops that will complement their term six history and RE curriculum (which in term six will be on Buddhism).

End of School Leavers' Service at 1.00pm Hurley Church Wednesday 19th July 2017



Our End of School Leavers' Service is an important event for all our children as part of their preparation for the transition to their next class. It is particularly important for our wonderful year two children as their transition is to junior school so this event is also their final goodbye. Please collect your child from school at **1.00 pm** and take them to **Hurley Church**. After the service, (which will finish at about 2.30 pm) the class teachers will dismisses your child to you and you may take them home.



Green Redeem

Our school has applied to take part in the RBWM Green Redeem venture. This means that you, or your family and friends, can donate your Green Redeem points to the school. The three schools with the highest number of points will be awarded £1500, £1000 and £500 and if we were awarded this money we will put it towards our new learning pod. Not only will the scheme benefit our school but it will be an opportunity for the school to give something back to the community. However we will need to work extra hard because we are smaller than most schools, so please pass the message along and start our points rolling in!

A few reminders and updates for this side of half term.

Walk for Wildlife Friday 19th May 2017

You will remember from previous correspondence that on **Friday 19th May 2017** thousands of primary school children will be taking part in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for a mass sponsored walk.

As well as attempting to break the world record schools will be raising money for wildlife protection and conservation. Individual schools may choose which wildlife charity they would like to support and, as Burchetts Green Village Association, BCA and our school are working together on a project to protect and create habitats for local hedgehogs, we have decided to support the Harper Asprey charity. The Harper

Asprey charity are leading a campaign called Amazing Grace which also aims to protect hedgehogs and last week we were visited by Harper Asprey along with some of their rescued hedgehogs.

To be part of the record breaking attempt we must be walking at 2.15pm on 19th May 2017 therefore our walk will begin at 2.00pm and we will return to school in good time for the end of the school day. Our walk will take in part of the Village and BCA and you would be very welcome to join us. If you are able to come please be at school by 1.45pm so that we can leave promptly at 2.00pm.

We suggest a donation of £1.00 to go to the Harper Asprey charity.

Royal Banquet Friday 26th May 2017, 2.00pm – 3.00pm



To end our fantastic Dragon topic the staff, led by Mrs Fennell, are arranging a Royal Banquet. Children will be receiving an invitation to the banquet shortly. On this day children will need to bring their dragon day costume into school to wear in the afternoon and a small donation of food/drink for the banquet.

Please look out for sheets to sign for food/drink donations. Thank you.

Car Parking



Please remember not to use the staff car park unless you have asked and been granted permission from Mrs Derrett. Please avoid mounting the pavement and making three point turns. Please try and share lifts with others.

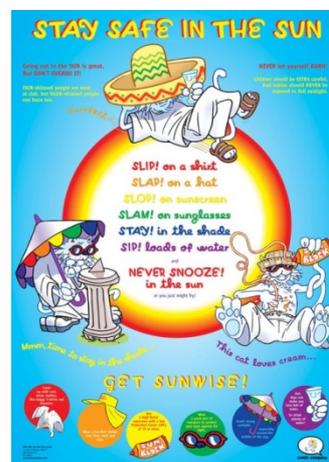
Sadly it is not possible for the children to leave school other than through the car park. Please hold on to your child when walking through the car park; no serious accidents have happened to date but please be vigilant. Please refer to our End of School Day policy which helps us all keep safe at the end of the day.

Sun Cream and Hats

As the weather gets hotter and sunnier please remember to apply sun cream on your child before they come to school on days that it is needed. If you would like your child to 'top up' with more cream during the day please make sure that they have a small tube in their reading bag. Teachers will assist a child with applying sun cream if they are having difficulty.

While it is not the schools responsibility to supply or apply sun cream we do have sun cream in school and there are times when a concerned member of staff will apply cream, for example when it appears a child has not applied sun cream that day and the temperature suddenly rockets. If you do not want your child to use school sun cream or you do not want staff to assist with applying sun cream please let the school know in writing, thank you.

Please send your child to school with a named sunhat when appropriate.



Walk To School Wednesdays

Our next Walk to School Wednesday is on **Wednesday 21st June 2017**. These mornings are a lovely time together which children and parents all really enjoy. We would love to see you and your children attend however if you cannot stay for the walk then you may drop your child of in Stubbings Church car park at 8.20am for a prompt 8.30am start. See you there!

I wish you all a lovely break and look forward to seeing you all in term six

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Sheppard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Mrs D Sheppard