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Dear Parents

Uniform

It was a truly colourful start to the new term as the children arrived in their beautiful purple jumpers and cardigans! It was a delight to see the children's excitement and I have to say they all look very smart.

We have a number of charities that unwanted old red uniforms can be donated to. The most urgent request is that these items of clothing be donated to the Nepal Crisis and you should have received a letter from Mrs Peck explaining how these items can be collected.

You might like to know that the boys' tie is now in stock at Goyals and that where the PE uniform refers to 'black shorts' these can include cycling shorts, cotton or football shorts all of which can be purchased at Goyals. Do remember that for any items you buy from Goyals they will donate 7% to School funds.

Goyals now have the boys' ties in stock and we also have a limited number for sale in School which you can purchase from the school office. The ties cost £3.50 and look really smart.

Term 5: Under the Sea

This term our topic 'Under the Sea' began with a fantastic under the sea 'virtual adventure' as the children spent time in the inflatable science dome that came to school. The dome was so large it was squashed in slightly by the ceiling and walls of the hall! None the less the experience was amazing and thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

Term 6: The Triathlon

Our topic next term is 'The Triathlon' and on the first day of term 6 (June 1st) the children may come to school dressed as a triathlon participant. This means they could come as either a cyclist, long distance runner or a swimmer. During the day lots of different sporting activities will take place.

We are also planning a visit to Bray Lake. Mr Martin Edwards, a past parent, hosts triathlons at Bray Lake and a visit will mean the children will be able to experience a triathlon circuit. Details of the trip will follow.

At the same time, after school and still at Bray Lake, the children will have the opportunity to take part in a money raising Scooterphon activity! Some of you will remember we have done this in



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the past and it was a great success. Details of the event and how it will fit into the school day, including transport, will follow shortly once they have been finalised with Mr Edwards.

Pentecost Picnic (22nd May 2015)

Pentecost is an important event in the Christian calendar celebrating Christ's ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit. We read in Acts 2:1 that *'When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place'* in the same passage we also learn that one of the consequences of the coming of the Holy Spirit was the sense of community amongst the people, Acts 2:46 *'every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts'*.

This year we will hold our Pentecost Picnic on the 22nd May 2015 2.30pm. Last year this was a really lovely event with families arriving in the afternoon with a picnic tea and leaving well after the end of the school day! This year the picnic will start at 2.30pm and you may take your child home from 3.00pm. Please bring a light picnic tea with you. We do hope you will be able to join us however if you are not able to your child will be supervised by a member of staff; they will however need to come to school with a bite to eat!

May 22nd 2015 is also 'Wear a Hat' day which we are taking part in this year; please read the paragraph 'Charity Fund Raising' below for more information.

Dads and Lads in School (June 12th 2015)

In celebration of Father's Day we would like to invite the men who are part of our children's lives to come into school on Friday June 12th. Therefore we extend a very warm welcome to dads, step dads, brothers, uncles, grandfathers and family friends! There will be three opportunities to visit;

Tawny Owls	Barn Owls	Snowy Owls
9.30 – 10.00am (recorder lesson)	10.15am – 10.45am (recorder lesson)	10.15am – 11.00 am (cello lesson)
lunch 12.15 – 1.30	lunch 12.15 – 1.30	lunch 12.15 – 1.30
2.00pm - 3.00pm Golden time and award assembly	2.00pm - 3.00pm Golden time and award assembly	2.00pm - 3.00pm Golden time and award assembly

If you are staying for lunch please order your meal the day before or bring a packed lunch with you.

International week (15th - 19th June)

During term 5 (the triathlon) we also have International Week. International Week begins on **Monday 15th June 2015** when the children are invited to dress in the national costume of their own ethnic background or roots. We also ask that families bring in foods from around the world for the children in each year group to sample. We are inviting various artists to come into school to provide opportunities to take part in dancing, art, DT and music from around the world.

Fete (20th June 2015)



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Our school fete is on the 20th June and will continue with the international theme. I'm sure the new FOBGS committee will be contacting shortly with many opportunities for you to get involved. As a starter, on 15th June 2015, the same day as the children are dressing up for international week, FOBGS request that each child brings in a bottle for the tombola. Boxes to put these in will be at school on that day.

Charity Fund raising;

Nepal (14th May)

The crisis in Nepal is obviously great and immediate. Thank you all for giving unwanted red school uniforms to Mrs Dewey Bruce. Mrs Dewey Bruce is also holding a cake sale after school on May 14th 2015 and the proceeds will go to Nepal.

Brain Injury 'Hats for Headway' (22nd May)

Please add a new date to your diary; on May 22st 2015 we will be holding a 'Wear a Hat to School Day'! 'Wear a Hat to School Day' is intended to raise awareness and money to support children and families who are affected by brain injuries. On this day we will be encouraging children (and staff) to wear a hat to our Pentecost Picnic and whether taking part or not they can donate £1 for this very good cause, a collection will be made at the picnic (for information regarding the picnic please read. Mrs Mitchel (Harvey's mummy) has very kindly offered to talk to the children about Brain Injuries and Harvey's brother, Ollie, will be visiting us with her.

Alzheimer's Society:

During the summer holiday Mrs Sheppard will be training to take part in the London to Cambridge 'walkathon' to raise money for the *Alzheimer's Society*. The children will be able to monitor her training sessions over the summer holiday on line and to see how she does on the day. Details to follow!

Workshops and Parent Meetings:

We will shortly be holding three individual class meetings and a workshop covering the New National Curriculum and the government initiative 'Assessment without Levels'.

The meeting for your child's class will be pertinent to individual year groups.

- **Tawny Owls (July 1st 2.30 -3.00pm)**

This meeting will cover your child's transition to year one (Barn Owls). You will be able to meet the Barn Owl class teachers and, among other things, find out about year one routines, curriculum and how we work to ensure a smooth transition for the children.

- **Barn Owls (May 20th 2.00pm – 3.10pm)**

This meeting will be an opportunity to hear about the Phonic Screening process that the year one children take part in, in June. It will also be an opportunity for you to meet Mrs Neaves and hear about the curriculum, routines and expectations for children in year two.

- **Snowy Owls (May 20th 1.30 – 2.00pm)**



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This is an important year for the Snowy Owls as they prepare and take part in the Statutory Assessment Tests. The children are well on the way to completing this process and so Mrs Neaves will be explaining how children's final assessment is made. She will also be taking about how we ensure a smooth transition for the children as they head off to junior school. This progress starts after the half term with different expectations at the beginning of the day which will lead to greater independence needed at junior school.

National Curriculum 2014 and Assessment without Levels (17th June 7.00pm – 8.00pm)

The government initiative 'Assessment without Levels' alongside the New National Curriculum see some important changes to how schools manage the curriculum and to how teachers assess children. The changes will affect children in EY, KS1 and KS2 therefore this meeting is relevant to all year groups.

BCA Fun Day (24th June)

This year we are once again off to BCA for a summer Fun day! We will be taking the children across to the college in morning, leaving by 9.15, so please make sure your child is at school in plenty of time.

The children will have a go at cooking, mask and scarecrow making. They will also have a tour of the farm animals and go on the ever popular tractor ride. There will also be lots of games supported by the EY students at BCA and each class will also take part in a sports activity delivered by the school's sports coach.

The children should be collected from school at the normal time.

Sports Day (July 2nd 2015)

Last year we held our Sports Day in the morning at Bisham School. This worked really well as we missed the midday sun and we had the privilege of being served by the staff and KS2 children at Bisham. There are also good parking facilities and it is only a five minute drive from Burchetts Green.

On the morning of the **2nd July 2015** please drive your child straight to:

Bisham CE Primary School,
Church Lane,
Bisham,
SL7 1RW

When you arrive you will be directed to park your car, after that please take your child to their class teacher who will be ready to welcome them.

I would suggest that you bring a foldaway chair or blanket to sit on for your comfort. Bisham School will be serving refreshments during the morning.

Please bring your child wearing their PE kit. If they do not have the new PE kit the old PE uniform should be worn.



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When all the races have finished and the badges and medals have been given out please take your child back to school. They will have a short break before eating lunch and returning to a normal school afternoon.

Whole School Trip (15th July 2015)

Our school trip will take place on 15th July 2015. The children will be given a choice of venues and they will be able to vote for the day of their choice. When the vote has taken place we will let you know where we are off to! Meanwhile, for your information, the coach will leave school promptly at 9.15am and will return to school at 2.45pm. However please keep your phone on in case we need to update you with any delay cause by traffic congestion.

Leavers' Service (16th July 2015)

Our leavers' service is for the whole school and all parents. It is a time to say a fond farewell to the children moving on to junior school and is the final event of the school year. Therefore I would encourage as many as possible to join us. The service is held at St Mary the Virgin, Hurley. Children will need to be transported from school to church at 1.30pm and you must take your child home after the service. If you cannot attend please make arrangements for your child to be dropped off at St Mary the Virgin and picked up after the service. If you have any difficulties please let the school know and we will try to find someone to help out!

Littlewick Green after school club are aware of the date and will pick up from the church. If your child normally attend on Thursday and will not on this occasion please make them and the school office, thank you.

End of Term (17th July 2015)

This year our inset days fall together at the end of the summer term which means that we break up from school earlier than usual on **Friday 17th July 2015**; we also start back at school later than normal on the **Monday 7th September 2015**.

We have arranged this so that families have a larger window for holidays which I hope will be helpful. Please remember that holidays are not granted during the school term. This term is particularly important for Y1 who have the government initiated 'phonic screening' test and Y2 who sit the SATs tests.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. Sheppard'.

Mrs D Sheppard