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Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer has arrived! Everyone skips around with a spring in their step! This is going to be a busy but very exciting term for the children as well as the staff. We have plenty of sporting events to look forward to, children can play out on the field, Year 6 are going to Mill Rythe and many more exciting events.

Gardening

Mrs Green will continue to run the gardening sessions every Friday for the whole of the summer term. For the first part of the summer term Harewood, Buxton and Piercing will have the opportunity to develop their gardening skills and enjoy the great outdoors! Please ensure that your child has their wellies in school on Friday mornings.

Swimming

On Tuesday our swimming team was victorious in the Epping Forest Schools Swimming Gala. What a great achievement! The last time we won this prestigious trophy was in 2013. Congratulations to each and every member of our swimming team!

Swimming lessons start next week for our Reception to Year 3 children. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit (costume and towel) in school on the morning of the appropriate day. Reception class children will also require waterproof shoes or sandals. Jewellery should be removed before arrival at school and long hair should be plaited. Armbands and goggles are not allowed to be worn in the pool.

Weekly sessions are as follows:

Tuesday: Year 3 and Year 4 (both swimmers and non-swimmers)

Wednesday: Forest

Thursday: Blackacre

Friday: Baldocks, Pakes, Year 5/6 (lunchtime fun swim) and Orchard
(non-swimmers in Years 5/6 will be notified separately of their swim times).

We will notify you in advance of any changes to the rota.

Punctuality

I am sure you all agree that punctuality is very important throughout our lives – for work, for appointments etc. Good habits need to be instilled early in life. As a reminder: the gate opens at 8.45 and is locked at 8.55 when registration begins. Children arriving after that time must enter through reception via the main entrance and sign in the late book giving reasons for the lateness. These procedures are all part of effective safeguarding and are there for the safety of our children and your peace of mind.

Can we please request that parents who want to bring a concern to the attention of a teacher write a note or ensure they do so verbally before **8.50** so that they can still leave via the gate. Parents who do not leave through the gate before gate closure can put the school in a potentially vulnerable position in terms of safeguarding – those parents are not signed in and are on site without the knowledge or permission of the school.

New Lunch Menu

I am very pleased to say the new and revised menu has proved a success with all our little diners so far. The packed lunch option is a big success and offers the opportunity for more children to enjoy their lunch 'al fresco' style. The hot dinner options are still available for the children who prefer a hot meal.

I would also like to thank Ms Mandy Vince and her team for their hard work in devising and implementing the new menu. 'Bon appetite!'

Attendance

Standings so far: Winners

Last Half Term	Orchard	98.5%
Last Term	Orchard	97.8%
Year so far	Orchard	96.7%

Well done Orchard – what a great example to everyone!

The other classes are not far behind – so at this stage the trophy is still up for grabs!

The school attendance so far is:

Last Half Term	96.9%
Last Term	96.2%
Year so far	96%

So as you can see our attendance shows a healthy upward trend! Well done everybody!

Parent's Questionnaire

I would like to thank all the parents and carers who completed and returned the parent's questionnaire. The outcome overall was very positive and we will publish the results on the school website in due course. We will also include a summary of the arising areas for development highlighted by the questionnaire.

School Clubs and Activities

Information about the various clubs and other activities run at the school have been sent out either by the school office or directly by the providers themselves. We endeavour as far as possible to keep you informed of start dates and times, however, it would be helpful if you could retain this information yourselves for each activity your child might attend. Please be aware that there may be occasions when a club does not run either due to a scheduled break (eg. Consultation Evenings) or illness. We will, of course, endeavour to give you as much notice as possible if this is the case.

Yours sincerely

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