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Dear Parent & Carers

I hope you have enjoyed a restful Easter break and your child is ready for the busy, but exciting final term ahead. I just wanted to make you aware of information and dates for this term.

Summer Term

This term the children have chosen the theme of Animals. We will be learning about the life cycle of the butterfly. The children will have the opportunity to experience this first hand by caring for their own caterpillar and watching, day by day, their amazing process of transformation. As this is the last term in Reception we will be working hard to help the children secure the Early Learning Goal for each area of the Early Years Framework. Writing will continue to be focused on writing sentences but extending sentences and writing irregular words correctly. In maths we will use the knowledge of counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 to find more efficient methods of counting and solving number problems.

During the term we will also be taking a visit to Paradise Wildlife Park on Tuesday 10th July 2018. The details for this trip will be confirmed soon in a separate letter but we will require some parent helpers so please do let us know if you would be available for the whole day to support the class.

During the second half term we will be working with the children to start the transition process to Year 1 and the children will be involved in welcoming the new Reception children to Mary Exton during Stay and Play sessions during June.

Dates for the Diary

You are all invited to join us for **Sports Day** on Wednesday 23rd May. Sports Day is a whole school event and the Reception children will participate in a number of different sporting activities with the opportunity to win points for their houses. Sports Day will be followed by a picnic on the school field that families are also invited to attend.

Wednesday 4th July is **Open Evening** where you are invited to come into school and visit your child's new classroom with your child and have an informal chat with their new teacher.

Homework

In addition to handwriting sheets, Maths and English homework will continue to be sent home each week. Homework will be sent home on a Friday and it can be returned at any point during the following week. This homework is voluntary however any additional practice your child does at home will increase their speed of progress to the Early Learning Goals.

It is still recommended that you hear your child read every night for 10 minutes and practice their Rainbow Words.

WOW Moments

Please don't forget we continue WOW moments all through the year so please keep sending them in so we can celebrate home achievements in school.

Celebration from Home

We really want to share celebrations that are important to the children and their families so please do send in a Celebration from Home sheet for your child. If you take a photo of your child enjoying a celebration such as a family birthday, wedding, christening or religious festival please stick it to the sheet with a brief explanation and return it to school. Your child can share these with the other children and they may be displayed and then added to their Learning Journal.

Should you ever need extra WOW moment or Celebration from home sheets please just ask one of the team.

Other important Year R information

- It is important that the children have access to water throughout the day. Please ensure that your child brings a named, sports top bottle of plain water each day. Please do not put water bottles in book bags as they often leak and spoil school reading books.
- Please label all their belongings: shoes, coats, bags, spare clothes, hats and bottles.
- As part of a government initiative on healthy eating, children will continue to be offered a choice of fruit for a morning snack. You therefore do not need to send in a snack.
- Please remember toys from home are not allowed in school. They may go missing or get muddled up with our own toys.

If you have any queries or worries please do not hesitate to contact the office and arrange a surgery appointment. Please remember the Reception team are here to help and support you and your child at Mary Exton School.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lianne Taylor

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Class Teacher