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Dear Parent and Carers,

Finally, the sun came out and after what felt like a very long, wet, winter; staff and pupils managed to enjoy the last few weeks breaktime and lunches outside. As we mark the end of a busy and productive Term 4, we have had lots of wonderful events taking place including: our long-established Mother's Day Tea, Class Assemblies from Years 4 & 5, class trips to Canterbury Cathedral and Spring Lane Farm, while Year 3 started their block of swimming lessons and the whole school took part in World Book Day.

Marking the End of an Era – As our time in the current building draws to an end after 50 years, we saw Term 4 culminating in the burying of A Time Capsule, which held items from all our current Year groups, including class photos and miniature Figures of the Class Names. We chose the youngest and oldest pupils to commemorate this historic event overseen by our chair of Governors, Rev Steve Lillicrap.



Moving Forward – As we move closer to the completion and hand over of the New Building, I need to inform you of **three days of planned school closure** where there will be **no provision for any pupils including SEN and EHCP pupils**. These dates are **Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and Monday 9th of June**. You will need to make alternative arrangements on these dates for childcare. These days have been set aside for the movement and transfer into the new build which is being carried out by both internal and external contractors. We will re-open on Tuesday 10th June and welcome pupils into our new building, more details on the arrangements for drop off and collection will follow.

Attendance – Attendance is declining - frustratingly to date this year it is **93.3%** and for **Term 4 93.8%**, which means we are considerable way from the government's target **of 95%** in order to achieve this we need your support. Attendance will be discussed in next Term's Parent Consultations if we have highlighted your child as a concern.

The class with the **highest attendance for Term 4 was Dragonfly – 95.57%** they will have a non-uniform day on Wednesday 23rd April. We handed out 83 100% certificates at the end of term.

Staffing - We are delighted to **have three new members of staff** joining us at the start of term 5. Ms Viola will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 3 and Mrs Geeves will be taking over from Ms Mason, in Reception, as she goes on maternity leave. Ms Viola will be with us full-time, while Ms Geeves will be working 4 days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday). Ms Thomas is extending her current 3 days to 4, and will extend her current commitment of one afternoon a week in Reception to one full day on a Wednesday. Mr Steel is the new school Site Manager, who takes over from Mr Smith, following his retirement.

Uniform – Lost property is now in the office. Please have a look and check to see if your child has lost anything. All named items are returned to children.

A reminder that for PE only plain joggers black without logos can be worn along with a plain white t-shirt/polo shirt. Shorts should be black and loose-fitting for girls and boys.

Cycling shorts which should be black in colour can be used for modesty under PE shorts and skirts but **SHOULD NOT** be worn on their own.

Trainers and shoes should be black without logos or any other colour trim. Boots should not be worn.



Earrings must not be worn on PE days unless pupils can remove them themselves. Pupils should only be wearing simple studs, not hoops or dangly earrings.

Car park – There seem to be increasing numbers of parents using the school car park. The car park is not for parents to use, unless this has been agreed with Mrs Pearson or you have a blue badge and the person it is relevant to, is in the car. From Term 5 our staff car park reduces in size to accommodate ancillary buildings linked to the construction company, as such staff will need to overspill into the car park adjacent to the park and hall, please consider whether you can find an alternative way to bring your children to school, such as walking or car sharing, to take into account the reduced parking outside of the school gates.

The Park- There have been a number of incidents in the local park over the past few weeks. This has involved anti-social behaviour from older children sometime directed towards our children. I have spoken to PC Richard Divers our local beat officer this week and the police are very much aware of the situation. The advice is that if you have any concerns or information report contact Kent Police please call 101, go online or call 999 in an emergency.

Have a restful Easter and we will see you on Tuesday 22nd April.

Mrs E Pearson

