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HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN
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Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun has arrived! I am not sure how long it will last, but I am pleased that it is here for the start of half term and I hope you all have a wonderful week with your children.

This half term has certainly been a busy one!

SATS

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils who undertook their SATS last week. They worked extremely hard and it was clear that all pupils really gave their best. Whatever the results are in July, I am proud of each and every one of them. As a school, we never forget that these tests do not measure the things we love most about your children – their creativity, their sporting ability, their kindness, or their sense of humour, amongst many more wonderful things.

When the Year 6 pupils come back after half-term, they will be focussed on their writing ahead of the teacher writing assessment. There are also lots of fun activities ahead such as Big Business where the children form teams to design and make a product to sell to peers.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone that visited the book fair while it was in school this week. With the commission made from the fair, each class teacher was able to choose £40 worth of books from the fair for their classroom to share with your children.

Smart Phone Free Schools

You have no doubt seen in the media that the government have said that they will be introducing a ban on smart phones within schools in England. If your Year 6 child walks to school alone and you feel they need a phone with them for this purpose, you will be aware that they currently hand this phone into staff for keeping until the end of the school day. I will be reviewing this policy with governors before the end of the academic year and will keep you updated on any decisions made.

With this new ban on smart phones in school, I am aware that our local secondary schools are also reviewing their policies closely with some having decided on a complete ban of smartphones on their school sites from September and others collecting phones in. Schools currently banning smart phones coming in at all, have suggested that, parents worried about their child walking without a phone, invest in a 'brick phone' for the purpose. With this in mind I thought that I would raise it with the school community and suggest that for parents buying phones for their Year 5 or 6 pupils that they may want to consider this option to avoid needing to buy a second device when their children move on to secondary.

I have shared this website before, but if you are unconvinced about the potential harms of giving your child a smartphone, this website has some evidence-based research which I would recommend. <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/schools-network>

Transition

The second half of the summer term is when we begin to make arrangements for pupils to transition up to the next year group at the end of the year. Thank you to our Year 4 and 5 parents who responded to my letter with requests in relation to their child's class for the next academic year. Year 3 class groupings will remain the same when pupils move up next year. Year 6 class teachers and Miss Dakin, in her role as SENCo, have already been meeting with secondary colleagues to share information about our Year 6 pupils and these meetings will continue into the next half term.

Health & Safety - Before and After School

Please can I ask that if you have younger children with you at pick up and drop off that you keep them with you and that they are not allowed to run off or play with any junior equipment left out. Last week a junior football goal was damaged by younger children swinging and jumping on it. In addition, the white bars next to some of the exits are also not suitable to play on and I have been made aware of two quite serious injuries to infant children playing and climbing on these at the end of the school day.

Parking

This half term I have been made aware of more inconsiderate parking by a parent / carer in our local area. Parking on the pavements is not acceptable. It is essential that people park sensibly for the safety of our children coming to and from school.



The Sun Is Out!

Please ensure that your child brings a full water bottle each day to school. We will ensure that they have the opportunity to top this up during the school day. In addition, please apply sun cream on hot days before school and ensure your child has a hat to wear during breaks and PE sessions outside. Thank You!

I hope you all have a lovely half term break with your children and I look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 1st June 2006.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Findlay".

Mrs C Findlay
Headteacher