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Dear parents,

We are all looking forward to a successful summer term and it is excellent to see the weather improving. Falcons are busy looking at how things grow before they link their learning to the theme of pirates and under the sea. Ospreys will be looking at their local area and will compare it to the seaside. In Hawks and Eagles the year 4 pupils are looking forward to their 3 day residential to the Pioneer centre. The KS2 topic this term is Ancient Greece which will link well with the Olympics. They will be celebrating their learning with a summer performance. Thank you for supporting these events which bring learning alive; we are investigating the possibility of a whole school day trip to Weston -Super- Mare at the end of term which will link to topics as well as celebrate our first year as a primary school.

We welcome 3 new pupils this term and numbers have grown to 83 with a prediction of 95 pupils by September. We look forward to welcoming new families, as well as a number of siblings.

Summer Assessments

May and June are the months that we complete our assessment tests and tasks with all our pupils ready for their end of year reports. It is very important that pupils are in school on time and have 100% attendance. Weeks commencing 9th and 16th May will be used for KS1 SATs tests for year 2 and we would like to invite parents of year 2 pupils to a breakfast meeting at 8.30am on Tuesday 19th April to explain more about the new tests and how you can help. Year 1 will have their phonics check in the week commencing 13th June.

In upper KS2 we have provided more homework during the Easter break since it is helpful to keep pupils focused as we move into our assessment period. This is also good practice in readiness for KS2 SATs next year when we will have our first year 6 and the higher expectations of the new curriculum.

Staffing

I am pleased to inform you that our staff team remains stable and in September we will have a year 3/4 class and a year 5/6 class. We have increased our lunchtime supervision with Mrs Boughton – Thomas (from our after school club) joining us for 2 sessions a week; this will enable us to offer some lunchtime games and clubs in line with the funding we receive from the Government to encourage active and healthy lifestyles. Ms Gould has also joined our breakfast WAC team.

I would like to welcome back Miss Mann and Miss Glynn (students from Worcester University) who join us for their final phase and will be involved with teaching and learning in Falcons and Ospreys .



Targets

This term we have seen the work on growth mind-set having an impact with children really understanding how they can learn from their mistakes, support each other and 'grow' their brain.

This term we will be reviewing our timetable and curriculum maps for next academic year in line with the latest research in education and ready for our first year 6 cohort.

ECO Committee

This term we have applied for our 7th green flag award and will be have an ECO focus week on the 25th April.

End of Term

We will have a year 4 party and an assembly at the end of term to say goodbye to our leavers and to present our year 5 pupils with their blazers. Year 4 usually choose an event and the PTA allocate an amount per child. Next year we will combine this with our Year 6 leavers.

PTA

We have another very tight budget this year whilst the school grows (we are funded on last year's numbers) so we are very grateful for all the support provided by the PTA. Please support the Gala evening and auction at Churchfields Farm on 20th May and our fantastic summer fete on 12th June. Thanks to Debbie Holbeche and her team for all their hard work and please help in any way you can. The lottery is also increasing in support and again thanks to Lucinda Kenny for getting this going.

Holiday Club

We have already sent information about our May half term offer (Tues 31/5 – Thurs 2/6) and summer holiday offer (2 weeks w/c 15th & 22nd August). We are very keen to run these clubs but we do need a minimum number of 6 children per session to make the offer viable.

Election - Please be aware of extra traffic on the car park on Thursday 23rd June, as the community centre is being used as a polling centre for the EU Referendum.

Finally, I have completed three years today at Sytchampton, and feel incredibly proud of the 'team' we have developed; this includes staff, parents and pupils as well as our wider community. It really has been a time for 'ready, steady, grow...'

Thank you,

Sharon Williams

Head teacher