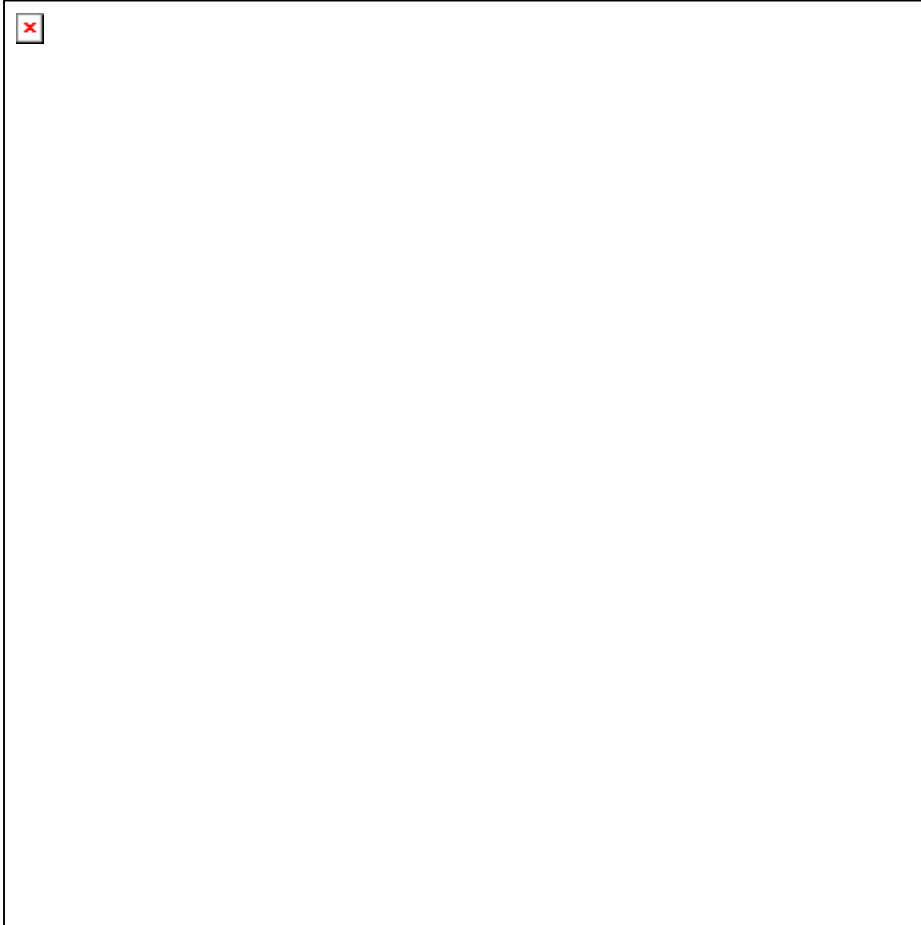


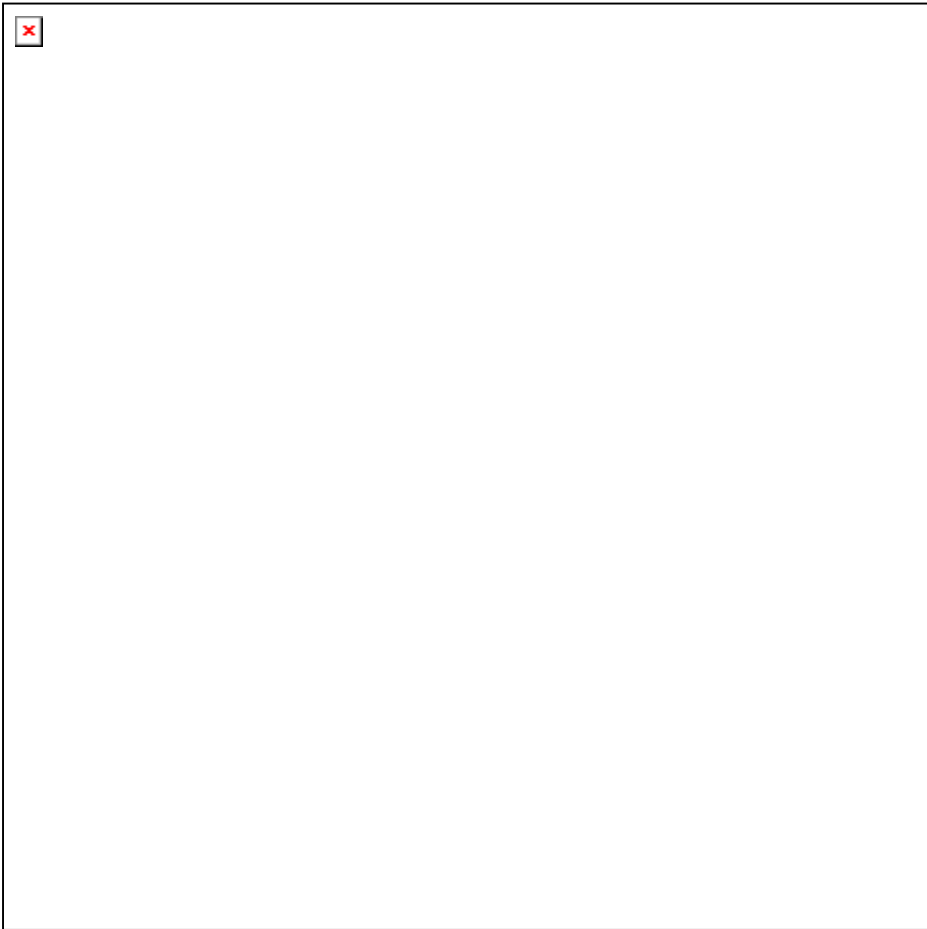
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Dear Parents,

I hope everybody has had a good half term break and didn't get too wet on the bank holiday Monday!! We are now in the last half term before the big summer holiday and it is going to be a busy one so fasten your seat belts and enjoy the ride!!

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson

Building work

Building work on our new ICT suite will start on Monday 12th June. From the 5th the building company ROK, responsible for the work will start to get the site ready. This will mean that there will be disruption to the playground area. The company will only use the entrance when it is not in use for morning drop off and evening pick up but we will need children to be carefully supervised at these times as building work will still be going on.

The new computer suite will be situated in the area between Miss Triggol's and Mrs Law's Classroom. This will mean that the outside entrances to these classrooms will not be able to be used. The children in Willow will need to enter their classroom from the field side of the corridor and then walk round to the playground. The children in Rowan will need to use the outside door to Beech class to access their classroom. This will be a little inconvenient for this half term but will enable us to have a fantastic new facility that should be ready for September. The new suite will have 18 brand new machines and an interactive whiteboard. There will be opportunities for parents and children to use this out of school time to support learning.

Staffing for September

This last half term seems to have been full of interviews and we have made two new appointments to our team. There will be a further change on the staff too, as Kaye Templeton has been offered a full time job at Cheddon Fitzpaine school and will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. Kaye will be very missed and we all wish her well in her move back to full time at Cheddon. Alan Sullivan will become the full time teacher of Cedar in September.

Kirsty Moneagle joins us in Elm Class from September. She is an outstanding teacher with strengths in ICT and in accelerated learning principles.

Tracy Bolton is a leading maths teacher as has been appointed to be our 7th class teacher. Tracy currently works at Lyngford Park and is a very experienced teacher.

The classes will be as follows:

Elm	Miss Moneagle	Oak	Miss Triggol	
year R		year 4		
Beech	Mrs Law	year 1	Cedar	Mr Sullivan
Rowan	Miss Potter	year 2	year 5	
Cherry	Mrs Harvey	Willow	Miss Bolton	
year 3		year 6		

Multicultural Week

Next week is our multi-cultural week and our country is Brazil and all classes will be involved in a variety of activities celebrating the diverse culture of this South American country. If you have any artefacts, material, photos etc which may be of interest we would be very grateful if we could borrow them. The children will be working in learning teams for part of the week and will also experience a Brazilian drumming workshop on Friday.

Tesco's and Sainsbury's vouchers

We are approaching the last few days when vouchers will be given with shopping. The tokens need to be in by Friday 15th June so they can be counted and an order placed for our new equipment.

It is worth noting that we have collected over 9,000 Tesco vouchers so far – you have spent £90,000+ at Tesco !! A big thankyou.

After school playground

Several people have come to me with the concern about the bikes and scooters whizzing around the playgrounds after school. Please can you help us to keep this area safe by encouraging children to play on these toys when they leave the school site. Can I also remind parents that the wooden play equipment is not supervised after school and children should not be on it for their own safety.

Healthy School Status

We are applying for our healthy school status at the end of this month. We have worked hard to fulfil the different criteria that we need to. We are really trying to encourage children to take an interest in their own eating habits to help them become healthy adults and would like everybody to have a balanced meal at lunchtime. We would like all lunch boxes to contain a healthy selection of food. I have enclosed a leaflet with this newsletter with some ideas of recommended contents for lunch boxes. The school now has a non-smoking policy and a food policy which are available from the school office and will be on the school website.

Man from Funkle

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, Man from Funkle are playing us a special Gig at Taunton Vale Sports club on Thursday 28th June in aid of our fund raising for the

Classroom in Africa. Tickets are £5 and available from the school office. There is only a limited number so please reserve yours fast! It will be an excellent night!

Book People

We have been approached by Book People to distribute their catalogues in order to raise funds for the School. These will be coming out next Tuesday and we ask that if you are interested you return your orders and payment to the School Office by Monday 26 June, orders will be delivered on Tuesday 3 July ready for your summer reading !

Arts Project

We are currently undertaking an arts project to make a giant "tree of life" wallhanging, each class will be involved. If you have any of the following materials, please could you send them into school –

- fabric remnants
- coloured threads / wool
- ribbons
- buttons
- feathers
- coloured pipe cleaners.