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Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and are looking forward to the Bank Holiday weekend!! This is a very short half term and it is not long then until half term holiday which starts on Monday 25th May. Lets hope the sunny weather holds out for us!

All class curriculum letters will be out by 8th May. These should provide you with information about what your children are studying this term. These holidays might give you the opportunity to make a visit related to your child's topic!!

Enjoy the breaks!

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson

Opening on 1st June

Just a reminder about this date – the School is open !! This date was on the original dates list as an INSET day. This was changed to 23 February, but we did notify you about this in a letter in October and again in the October newsletter.

Polling day – School Closed to Pupils on Thursday 4th June

The school is being used as a polling station for the European and County Council elections on Thursday 4th June. This will mean that on this day, the school will be closed to all children. Please note this date in your diaries.

Change in Date – Year 2 and Year 6 Presentation and Year 6 Prom

We are having a new mobile classroom to replace the existing Cherry Class mobile, this will be installed in the Summer holidays. Furniture will need to be stored in the Hall from Tuesday 21 July, therefore the Year 2 and Year 6 presentations and Year 6 Prom have been brought forward to Monday 20 July. Apologies for this change.

School Photos

On Wednesday next week 6th May, the children will be having their class photos taken. These are a lovely memento of a school year and all are displayed in the school photo album which is kept outside my office! Please can you ensure your child is looking their best for these photos !!

As always, proper school uniform should be worn!

Cycling to School

It is brilliant that so many children are cycling to school and using the new cycle shed. In fact it is full on most days. Please can the cycle shed just be used for cycles and scooters only. A variety of other pushing toys and skateboards have appeared and they are taking up valuable space.

Children and adults should dismount from their cycles or scooters when they come on to the school site for the safety of others. This applies to when they leave as well. When the children and adults are entering or leaving the site, they should only be pushing their cycle or scooter.

All children who are cycling to school have to be wearing a cycle helmet. If they are not, they will be banned from cycling to school for their own safety.

Parking in the locality

Please be considerate when parking to drop off or collect your child, we have had several complaints from neighbours who have their driveway or garage access blocked and the local Police Community Support Officer has notified the School on several occasions when cars have been parked in breach of the Highway Code or Road Traffic Act.

The PCSO has asked us to notify parents of the Highway Code and Road Traffic Act regulations as inconsiderate parking may result in fixed penalty notices. Please be aware of the following :

You must NOT WAIT or PARK where there are restrictions shown by :

- yellow lines or school entrance markings on the carriageway.

Do not park your vehicle on the road where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. For example :

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus stop or taxi rank
- opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend

No person in charge of a motor vehicle shall cause or permit the vehicle to stand on a road so as to cause any unnecessary obstruction of the road

This may result in a fixed penalty notice and a £30 fine. If the vehicle is parked in a dangerous position or could cause danger of injury to other persons using the road then this may result in a fixed penalty notice and a £60 fine, plus three penalty points on your licence.

Wild about walking

We now have the cards and stickers for this scheme and if requested, your child's card will come home tonight with this newsletter. On Tuesday 5th May there will be some monitors sitting at the entrance to the playground, ready to stamp the cards and give out stickers when targets have been met! Good luck everybody!

INSET days

We have not set all of the INSET days for the next academic year 2009/2010 but there will be INSET days where the School is closed on the following dates :

Tuesday 1st September 2009

Friday 23rd October 2009 (all of Taunton primary schools)

Monday 4th January 2010

Junior Tennis club

There is junior tennis coaching taking place at The Elms Tennis club, off Staplegrove Road, starting on Friday 15th May. For further information, please contact Anne Simpson on 01823 451414.

Children on site

Children should not be left unaccompanied on the school site or outside it before 8.45am. The children are not supervised until this time. If something did happen to a child waiting outside of the site on their own, nobody would be aware of this. If children are on their own before this time, your child will be taken to Grovers before school club and a charge might be made.

Also children should not be entering the school site unaccompanied once they have been collected at the end of the school day from their class, Grovers Club or any after school activity. The School toilets are not for use once the children have left the site as cleaning takes place at this time, also if children are using the toilets unbeknown to school staff and an accident occurs nobody will be aware of this.

Tokens etc!!

We are collecting the vouchers from all supermarkets, Flora cooking for schools and books for school from Nestle Cereals and the Times magazine. There is a collection box in the entrance hall for old mobile phones and printer cartridges which we can get money for through a recycling scheme.

School Link book magazine

Please take time to have a look through the School Link catalogue that will come home with this newsletter. There are some really good bargains to be had. Any orders you place will earn commission for the school. Please return any orders and payment to the School Office before Friday 15 May 2009.

This seems a good opportunity to remind you of the easyfundraising website. If you go through this site for your online shopping or for renewing your insurances they will make significant contributions to the school!

Free Swimming

All children under the age of 16 and adults over the age of 60 are entitled to free swimming at Tone swimming pools. Children will need to register for a buzz card by proving their age. For more information contact Taunton pool on 01823 284108

