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Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of a very short, but consequently very full term and I think staff and children alike are ready for a half term break and I am sure you are too. We have packed a lot in to a short term with all sorts of exciting learning for the children and staff. The children have explored growing and changes through observing and investigating ducklings, observing the seeds they have planted and lots of exploring of bugs and grubs. We have also been discovering about sea life and thinking about the effects of plastic on the sea. All the children have really enjoyed the big garden this term and it is always particularly joyful when all the settings are out there together, with the older and younger children learning from and with each other.

The staff have continued their professional development this term too. Our maths consultant, Nathan Crook came into each setting to support staff to think of new ways to bring early maths skills into the children's explorer time. We also had a fascinating talk from Dr Elziabeth Rapa from [The Oxford Brain Story](#) about how early childhood experiences shape our brains. Click on the link above for more information.



Healthy Smiles Accreditation. At school we are working to gain a healthy smiles accreditation. This involves working towards a set of standards to ensure that we are promoting the best possible dental hygiene for our children and families. The school dental nurses came to a staff meeting to help us learn how best to do this. Look out for more information on this next term.

During half term, if you if you haven't been to the dentist for some time (particularly because of the pandemic) it would be great to take the opportunity to take you child or sign up with a dentist if you don't already have one. The earlier you get your child used to the experience of the dentist and a lifelong habit of taking good care of their teeth and gums, the better. Click on the link below for resources to help make teeth cleaning fun and to play some toothy related games! There is also more information on our website.

[Resources to help your child take care of their teeth](#)

If your child attends breakfast club, please can you provide them with a toothbrush and small tube of toothpaste that we can keep at school with their name on so that they can clean their teeth after they have had their breakfast.



The charity Family Links have been working with us again this term, which we are so grateful for. This week, two of our staff, Ursula Jackson and Anne Marie Shenton completed their training as Family Links Parent Group Leaders – congratulations to you both! Ursula and Anne Marie are hoping to start their first parenting support group in the Autumn Term. We will send out further information about this in term 6.

We have also had our final staff meeting on how better to support young children's emotional health through the Early Years Family Links Circle time programme.

We are also very grateful to the charity, who are now providing our staff with half termly small group supervision sessions to help support staff emotional health in the workplace too.

If you would like to explore the work that Family Links do, please click on the link:
[Family Links Charity](#)



I would like to extend a big thank you to our parents Sally and Lucy who have been putting their green fingers to work on the pots in the front entrance to the school and out in the peace garden. Thank you for donating the lovely new lavender and cosmos daisies and for giving up your time. It is much appreciated.

Thank you to Michaela and Rachel for the cake sales that you have organised this term and all the parents that helped bake, sell and organise on the day.



PTA Events

Michaela and Rachel, our PTA leads, have got some exciting plans for summer term events so please do get involved. They are planning the following events:

The Jubilee Picnic Tea, Friday 24th June 3.15pm – 4.30pm

The Comper Summer Fete - Monday 18th July 5.00pm – 7.30pm

End of year Disco for the children (Date TBC).

Cake sales run every other Friday

If you think you can help out or would like to get involved in any way, please do email them on PTA.Comper@gmail.com they really need your ideas and help.



Term 6, 2022 – Summer Term

Monday 6th June – School Closed

Tuesday 7th June – Term 6 starts (no After School Club this day)

Wednesday 8th June – After School Club opens (latest pick up 4.45pm)

Wednesday 20th July - term ends @ 12.45pm for all children. Summer Holidays begin!

Term 1, 2022 – Autumn Term

Friday 2nd September - Staff INSET Day. School Closed to Children.

Monday 5th September -Staff INSET Day. School Closed to Children

Tuesday 6th September – School Open. First Day of Autumn Term.

Wishing you all a very relaxing and sunny half term. We look forward to seeing you back at school for the final term of the academic year on Tuesday 7th June.

Best wishes,

Catherine King

Headteacher

