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## Summer Newsletter 5 - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported our DIY SOS project for the early years outside area last Saturday; it was lovely having parents from many different year groups, governors, staff, husbands and relatives all spending the day painting (I really did not appreciate just how many pencils there are on that fence!) sorting equipment, cleaning, tidying and building! The area looks great and the children are thoroughly enjoying having their new areas of learning. Despite the day being very hard work it was also a very sociable occasion and it was nice to have time to chat to quite a few different people. Thank you to the LPSA who supplied the refreshments throughout the day. There were also quite a few businesses who gave their time and / or resources free of charge to support this project; I do not have a full list yet so don't want to mention some at the risk of missing someone off! We will acknowledge them all formally later. They were crucial to the success of the project.



The LPSA are working hard on the garden area near the greenhouse; they are creating a sensory garden plus various different growing areas and a gazebo area. Do look out for any messages from them for help or resources.



A reminder that the bus in the playground is not to be used by non-school aged children before and after school please; please also remind school aged children that they should not be climbing on the roof of the bus; this is far too dangerous as the roof is not built for standing on. Our pupils do know they are not allowed to do this and don't do so during the school day. Thank you.

We want to let you know that there is going to be a slight change to the penalty fines issued for unauthorised absences; from September any parent who does not live with the child who is absent, won't be fined. However any other adult who takes a child away on holiday may be fined eg if Nan



and Grandad take a child away on holiday without a parent but the child lives with their parent normally, then Nan, Grandad and parent could receive fines. There will be more information available about this next term. We feel that this is fairer as only the adults responsible for the child's absence will be fined.

Our Year 6 are rehearsing very hard for their musical extravaganza next week; it will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. If you haven't got your tickets yet then please contact the office. Refreshments will be served during the interval on both nights.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July is our Open School event; a reminder that your child's current and future classroom will be available for you to visit from 3.30pm – 4.30pm and then from 5.30pm – 7pm. Mrs Moore, the new headteacher, will also be here on the evening so do take the chance to meet her.

Paxfest is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July and the school choir will be performing there once again. If you haven't received timings and details yet then these will be coming out very soon. It is always nice to support the local village event.



The choir also sang at the St Neots Armed Forces day celebrations on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July and our dancers performed too; as always the children were great both with their performance skills and their behaviour. It is such a joy to be part of events like these with our children.



There are currently some outstanding dinner money payments and trip payments that need clearing before the end of term please so that everyone can start afresh in September. Any credits or debts will be carried forward to September. If you have a Year 6 child and you have a credit then we will refund this to you. We may be asked to notify receiving secondary schools where there are outstanding debts.

A reminder that Sports day is scheduled for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Key Stage 2 will be in the morning and Key Stage 1 and Reception in the afternoon with the chance of a picnic lunch in between if you wish. More details will be sent out next week.



We look forward to seeing many of you at the various events that are taking place in the next couple of weeks.

Kindest Regards

Diane Hawkes – Headteacher