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Dear Parents



Summer Uniform

As the summer term is now well underway and we are enjoying increasing spells of warm sunshine, you may now wish to start sending your child in summer uniform. I am attaching details of our summer uniform expectations for your information.

Wearing uniform is a very important part of being a member of a school community. As we continue to strive for our school to be the very best it can be, I will be sharing with the children how wearing our uniform is a badge of pride. I will also highlight to them about their personal responsibility in looking smart and tidy for school each day. I appreciate the support from you all as parents with this matter.

May I take this opportunity to politely remind you that children should wear **plain** socks or tights and not heavily patterned ones with their uniforms. Also, if girls are to wear sandals with their summer uniforms, these should be suitable school sandals worn with socks at all times.

Sun Safety – Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide

We will be talking with the children in assembly next week about sun safety. We will limit the length of time children will be outside during very hot conditions through the summer terms however, we would welcome your support with helping your child/children to protect themselves in the sun.

The children should:

1. **Slip on a shirt**
2. **Slop on a sunscreen**
3. **Slap on a hat**
4. **Seek some shade**
5. **Slide on some sunglasses**



Please provide your child/children with the basic protection they need so that they avoid sunburn, including applying sunscreen before they come to school as staff are not able to do so.



Sun caps

In connection with both of the above matters, I am delighted to advise you that we will be providing all children from Nursery to Y6 with a new school cap in the near future. There will be no charge to parents. All of the caps will be named and then kept in school for the children to wear daily as required so that parents do not need to provide sun caps for school. I will advise you when these have arrived and are available for use which will hopefully be before the end of term.



E-safety is the term used to describe proactive methods of keeping children and adults safe when they use digital technology. Schools have a very important role in helping to educate children and young people to make safe choices in their use of digital technology. This includes the use of mobile phones, social networking sites and more general use of the internet.

Our primary aim in school is to maximise the educational benefits that can be obtained by using ICT, whilst minimising any risks. However, we also aim to work in partnership with you on this matter as many of the risks to children through the use of technology, occur away from school.

As part of our plans, we had scheduled a whole school focus on E-safety in tomorrow however; we are now postponing this until after half-term. I will advise you of the new date and full details of the event in the near future, which will include an opportunity for parents to attend a briefing about managing possible E-safety risks at home.

Welcome

I would like to welcome a new staff member, Mark Gibbin to our school. Mark will be working as a teaching assistant within the main school and we are very pleased to have him on our staff team.

Well Done Y6!

Our Y6 class have finished the SATS tests today. We are all very proud of their efforts and attitudes this week, well done!



Finally, I hope you have an enjoyable weekend and that the sun shines as predicted!
Kind regards

Carol Hines
Headteacher

