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Dear parents,

Learning

Scholarly Success Across the School

We would like to congratulate our Year 6 children on completing their end of Key Stage 2 SATs this week. They approached their Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading, and three Mathematics papers with impressive maturity and a truly scholarly focus. The calm, determined manner in which the children conducted themselves was a credit to them. To celebrate the end of the assessments, the children enjoyed a well-deserved trip for ice cream—our thanks go to the FSS for kindly funding this treat. We also extend our thanks to parents for your continued support at home; it makes a real difference. Particular recognition must go to Mr Stewart and Mr Ramshaw for their work in preparing the children so thoroughly, whilst ensuring that the curriculum has remained broad, balanced and, importantly, enjoyable.

Our Year 2 children also deserve congratulations for completing their optional Key Stage 1 SATs last week. We are incredibly proud of the positive and confident way in which they approached their assessments. As always, our academic outcomes remain consistently above the national average, and we are determined to continue this strong tradition following these recent assessments. Thank you to Mr Moran and Miss Harrison for their continued dedication and hard work in supporting the children's learning this year.

Caring

Strong Partnerships and Shared Understanding

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our recent Ofsted Information Evening. The atmosphere felt incredibly supportive and reflected the strength of our school community. We would like to reiterate that the report did not highlight anything we were not already aware of as a school. What did surprise us, however, was the way in which Ofsted interpreted aspects of their framework and how this translated into grading in certain areas. We remain committed to working openly and positively with our community as we move forward.

Parenting in the Digital World – Online Safety

We warmly invite all parents to attend our upcoming 'Parenting in the Digital World – Online Safety' presentation. In today's ever-evolving digital landscape, it is essential that parents are aware of the potential online risks children may face and are equipped with the knowledge to support them safely and confidently.

- **Date:** Thursday 21st May
- **Time:** 5.00–6.00pm
- **Location:** School Hall
- **RSVP:** Please confirm via the ParentMail form by Friday 15th May

Please note that this session is not suitable for children to attend. However, spaces are available at Fireflies if you would like to book your child/children in. If you book for the second session only (4.30–6.00pm), children may be dropped off just before 5.00pm to coincide with the start of the presentation.

Achieving

Community Spirit Through Boules

Today's Boules Taster Sessions at the Rec were a fantastic success, and we would like to congratulate all the children who took part. We are proud to be working alongside the Boules Committee for the third consecutive year to encourage as many children as possible to participate in the Boules Festival. Our sincere thanks go to the Boules Committee for hosting these workshops and providing such a valuable opportunity.

Junior team registration opens on 1st June and, following last year's record number of children taking part, it would be wonderful to see even more join in this year. Opportunities like this strengthen the connection between school and community, helping children to develop a real sense of belonging and pride in where they live.

A Day of Bread Making in Chestnut Class

Congratulations to Chestnut Class and Miss Harrison for a highly successful bread-making day. The children dedicated the entire day to creating their own bread, carefully planning their Boules session around the proving process—an excellent demonstration of organisation, patience and practical learning. Thank you to the parents who supported the day. Experiences like this are invaluable, bringing learning to life and helping children develop a deeper understanding through hands-on experience.

Together

Celebrating Pupil Voice and the End of Term

As we approach the final week of term, we would like to remind parents of two important events. On **20th May**, the FSS annual Castle Combe bike ride will take place—a fantastic event that we strongly encourage families to get involved in. If you have not yet signed your child up, please contact the FSS directly.

Our final day of term will once again feature **Break the Rules Day**, reintroduced by the School Council and developed by the FSS. This is not simply a day of fun, but a meaningful reminder of the power of pupil voice. It celebrates what can be achieved when children take initiative, share their ideas and contribute positively to school life. We are immensely proud of how our children continue to shape and enrich their school experience together.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. We are very grateful for the thoughtful and constructive feedback.

I am delighted to share that the survey highlights many real strengths of the school.

- All parents who responded said their child is happy and feels safe at school.
- 100% of respondents would recommend our school to others.
- Parents spoke very positively about the caring staff, strong sense of community and the inclusive, supportive environment we aim to create every day.

We are incredibly proud of this and thankful for your continued support.

Alongside these strengths, the survey has also helped us to identify some important areas we can improve further, something that we can update you on as further improvements are made.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Towers