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Dear Parents and Carers,

After this week's weather it is hard to credit that it is almost May! When I said in my last newsletter, 'please ensure your child brings a coat to school' I did not expect it to be because of the snow.

Most of you will have noticed the new noticeboards near each gate. Unfortunately the old ones were not quite as watertight as we might have liked and the locks were rusted and broken, so we decided it was time for some new ones. I'm sure you will agree that they look very smart and are now in keeping with the other signs around the school.

Some of our more eagle eyed parents will also have seen that the children have started to plant seeds and seedlings in the fantastic new garden. We are awaiting a couple of benches for the centre of the garden and then we will be very proudly announcing our latest development to the local newspaper. In addition to this, our outdoor theatre now has a set of chime bars. The children have been having great fun this week trying out some new tunes.

Rainbow Orchestra

We have started a small lunch time pilot project called the Rainbow Orchestra. Using some of our newest music equipment and rainbow colour-coded percussion instruments the children are learning to read music and play together in harmony.

Artsmark

Many parents will have enjoyed and been impressed by the singing at the O2 Young Voices or at the Royal Albert Hall, as well as at the Christmas and end of year performances. We are very proud of our children's achievements in the arts and we are committed to ensuring that we continue to develop our children's creativity as well as their academic abilities. We are now proudly displaying the Artsmark logo as the first stage of our work towards achieving the Art Council England's Artsmark. I will keep you posted on our progress; we have up to two years in which to complete this work.



We're working
towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Website

We have also had a good 'spring clean' of our website. It is now 'responsive' which means that if you look at it on your smart phone, it will be easier to read.

Toys

Please remember that children are not allowed to bring toys into school except if they are required for 'Show and Tell'. It causes problems with other children and can be very upsetting if they are damaged or lost.

Jewellery and Make-up

The only jewellery permitted at school is stud earrings and a wristwatch. Earrings must be removed or taped up (parents should provide the tape) in PE lessons for health and safety reasons. Some pupils have been turning up to school wearing coloured nail varnish. No make-up is permitted at school.

Sun Safety

Ever the optimist, I am sure that the summer weather will soon be here. When it does come please ensure that your child has suncream applied before coming to school and that they have a bottle of water (they always need this) and a sunhat. School sunhats are available for purchase from the school office for £4. Children may bring sunglasses, but they are only for use outside and if staff feel that children are not acting responsibly with them, they will be taken away.

Holiday Dates

This weekend is a Bank Holiday, so there is no school on Monday 2nd May. We have an occasional day on Friday 27th May (the Friday before half term) so there is no school on that day. We finish for the summer on Friday 22nd July and the next academic year starts on Monday 5th September. We will be publishing term dates for next year shortly.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. D. Raftery
Headteacher