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Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of another half term! I can't believe we have only 1 more half term this academic year. After the Summer holidays our youngest children in the school will become the oldest as we welcome our new Reception year group and Nursery children in! The children are very excited about being the 'big ones' and are already talking about how they will show the new children how we do everything here - a job I think they will take very seriously!

Walk to school week: Thank you to all of you that managed to walk to school or walk from a car parking space further away. The children were really delighted to do this and we have some great photos to send off to the campaign to show how we took part.

Parking: Thank you also for doing your very best to work with us on some of the areas around parking we mentioned last week. Unfortunately, the Highways Agency have not been as responsive as I would have hoped and the yellow lining has not yet been reinstated. If you could continue to avoid parking on the bends of Henhurst Ridge until this is rectified, it would be greatly appreciated. It's been lovely seeing everyone in the mornings and afternoons when Mr Parker and I have been on 'parking duty'!

Road works: As many of you will be aware, major roadworks begin on Shobnall Road on 28th May and last for 10 weeks. Please see the details below:

Shobnall Road will be fully resurfaced from Grange Street to Oakley Grange.

The work includes: new kerbing, ironwork repairs and resurfacing works.

The scheme will be delivered in two phases:

1st Phase: 28 May 2019 - 4 August 2019 (10 weeks pre-works). All work to be done under mobile temporary traffic signals between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

2nd Phase: 5 August 2019 - 6 September 2019 (5 weeks resurfacing). Full road closure.

As you can see this will be very disruptive to our families that travel this way to school. Hopefully the mobile temporary signals will help the flow of traffic but I would advise leaving a little earlier than normal during this time both before and at the end of the school day. School restarts on Tuesday 3rd September, so the full closure will affect us but we will advise on this nearer the time.

5 in Harmony: On Wednesday, we hosted this wonderful male voice group who took us on a trip down memory lane, making us laugh and cry! It really was sensational. The children came in for the first few songs and were so well behaved and a real credit to our school. The local residents were very complimentary about the children. We hope to do more events like this in the future. If you have any suggestions about events we can host, please do let us know.

Emergency procedures: As part of our Emergency Procedure, we are required to practise a situation where the school would need to go into 'Lockdown'. This is when an incident may occur
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outside the school building and therefore the safest place is for all children and staff to stay in school with all the school exits secured. Situations that could give rise to a Lockdown are things such as: a dangerous gas/chemical is airborne, a large dog or animal has got onto the playground or in very rare cases an intruder not known to school is on the school site. Our procedure is that the children stay in their classrooms and move away from all doors and windows and classroom doors are secured. The children would stay there until it was deemed safe. We would communicate with parents via our texting service as soon as we were able to keep you informed. During the first week back after the half term break we will be practising this procedure with the children so they are familiar with it and also to check that our systems are the best they can be. We do not want to alarm or frighten the children so we will be telling them the story of the 'Tiger who came to Tea' and we will be 'hiding' from the tiger, so please do not be worried if they come home from school and tell you they have been hiding from a tiger! I know it is never nice to have to talk about and practise such things but we have a duty to be ready for all eventualities to ensure your child's safety which is paramount. We have an Emergency Procedures policy available in the school office should you wish to peruse it and please do ask any questions about this to either myself or Mrs Dennis.

Pyjamarama - Friday 7th June: Pyjamarama is a fundraising event organised by the Book Trust which helps to provide books for children who may not have any at home or do not have a bedtime story read to them. Research shows how beneficial a bedtime story is for children from introducing them to new vocabulary, listening to the rhythm of a story to enabling them to relax ready for sleep. **On Friday 7th June**, all children and staff are invited to come to school in their pyjamas, bringing their favourite small soft toy for the day and a small donation of £1 where we will have a fun packed day all around bedtime reading. If you want to find out more, then please visit: www.booktrust.org.uk/pyjamarama

Community Partnership - Parents/carers group: On **Monday 10th June**, we are hosting our first parents meeting for our Community Partnership so that we can launch this and organise an end of year event for the children, possibly a disco so we can celebrate the end of their first year and make it special. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible to help organise arrangements, suggest ideas or simply be there to show your support. We have set the time for straight after school: **3:15-4pm** and school staff will supervise the children so that you can attend the meeting. I hope this time will suit most parents but if there any alternatives, please do let me know and we try our best to accommodate them for future meetings.

Official Opening - 26th June 2019: I hope you received the invitation last week for the opening ceremony. Please don't forget to let us know whether you can come via email, telephone or in person, by 3rd June. Thank you to those of you who have already replied.

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Assembly on 28th June 2019: The date for this assembly was booked at the beginning of the academic year. Since the Opening Ceremony was moved to 26th June, this assembly has now been cancelled and has been removed from the Summer Term dates, please see dates overleaf.

Harrier Award: This week our Harrier Award goes to Maimoona and Abubakr. Maimoona is always respectful of other children's learning and voluntarily offers to help them if anyone is stuck. How kind of you Maimoona! Abubakr is extremely respectful to his teachers, always offering to help whenever he can and shows respect to his friends. Well done Abubakr! We will have a new Harrier Value after half term, I can't wait to see who receives the award next!

Eid: Eid is coming up the week after half term and I would like to wish all of our families who will be celebrating this special festival, Eid Mubarak. We hope you have a joyous time with your friends and family on this special day.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3rd June for our last half term of this academic year.

Very best wishes,
Mrs Hopkins



Enjoying lunchtime on our field!

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More amazing art work by our very own Mr Parker, marking the entrance to our Nursery, 'Little Harriers'!

Summer Term Dates for your Diary:

| Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May | | |
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| Friday 7 th June | Free Kimbles event for Nursery aged children | 10-11am |
| Wednesday 12 th June | Fathers' Day Lunch | All Dads and Grandads invited into school to have lunch 12pm |
| Thursday 13 th June | Free Kimbles event for Nursery aged children | 1:30-2:30pm |
| Monday 17 th June | INSET DAY | School closed for children |
| Friday 21 st June | Free Kimbles event for Nursery aged children | 10-11am |
| Wednesday 26 th June | Official Opening of school & fun afternoon | 1pm |
| Week beginning 1 st July | Annual reports out | |
| Thursday 4 th July | Theme lunch: American Independence Day | No additional charge |
| Friday 12 th July | Sports Day | All afternoon |
| Monday 15 th July & Tuesday 16 th July | Reserve Sports Days in case it rains | All afternoon |
| Thursday 18 th July | Class Assembly | 2:30pm |
| Friday 19 th July | Theme lunch: Picnic on the Field! | No additional charge |
| Monday 22nd July - Monday 2nd September - Summer holidays | | |
| Return to school Tuesday 3rd September | | |