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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is flying by and we have all been incredibly busy. So far, all the Key Stage 2 children have taken part in a Quidditch session, which certainly offered a different sporting challenge! All the Year One and Two children have been on a trip to Mead Open Farm and all the Reception and Nursery children have enjoyed a day of African drumming and dance.

Next week the SATs tests will take place for Year Six. The children have worked hard this year and are well prepared for the tests. We do not wish any children to feel stressed or anxious about these and only ask that they try their best. Sheena Shah, our mindfulness coach, has done a great job talking to any children who may have some anxieties. We will ensure that we start each day as calmly as possible and have planned many relaxed sessions in the afternoons.

The following week, it is our trip to St Ives, which we are very much looking forward to, whilst hoping for good weather! For those children going on the residential, we will be sending out a few last minute reminders and the emergency contact details next week. We will also be talking to all the children about the itinerary for the trip and answering any questions they may have. For those children who are not coming with us, we will ensure they have a lovely week!

As you are aware, we are continually looking to enhance the children's awareness of personal safety and this week, during my assembly, we discussed all aspects of personal safety including in school, out of school and whilst using the internet. A common misconception amongst the children was that the only people who children may need to be wary of are strangers. The children are all very aware of the concept of 'stranger danger' but less aware of how to deal with situations involving people they may know or recognise. This can be difficult to explain to children but we have explained that, in terms of personal safety outside school, children should not accept lifts or invitations without their parents knowing even if they know or recognise the person. If you could talk to your children about this as well, we would really appreciate it.

I would also like to update you about the fantastic support you gave the recent Aviva bid promoted by FoDs. As you are no doubt aware, we were successful in this and have already used the funds to support the sensory circuits that happen each morning. We are now looking to redevelop the circus tent into a sensory area. Thanks again for all your support and for those who worked very hard to promote it.

As you can see, there is a lot happening in school at the moment and, as you know, I welcome your views and feedback. As such, next Friday morning from 9.00am, I will be holding another 'Coffee, Cake and Catch up'; everyone is welcome. If you cannot make that date or fancy a change of scene, I am doing the same thing at Yardley in the afternoon (2.45 pm); you would be most welcome there too!

A little further ahead next term, as part of our Design and Technology curriculum, each year group will be running cafés; the children will be sourcing, preparing, and costing the food themselves. We ran these a few years ago and they were very successful. Each key stage will take a turn and you will shortly receive an invitation; all are welcome, the more the merrier! They will all take place in the hall from 2pm and the dates are as follows:

Years 5 and 6: Tuesday 4th June

Years 3 and 4: Thursday 6th June

Reception, Year 1 and 2: Friday 7th June

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of above and I look forward to seeing you at 'Coffee and Catch Up' if not before.

Have a lovely weekend.

Louise Brown