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Dear Families

What an exciting week we have had in school! On Tuesday, we officially opened our school library and our Reading Ambassadors did a really great job! They were excellent advocates for school and showed respect and great manners towards our visitors. Well done to you all! Please see the full report below.

On Wednesday, our Reception and Key Stage 1 children visited Amberley Museum and had a great day! The children, staff and volunteers really enjoyed the visit and gave positive feedback. The trip to the museum provided a great link to their topic on 'Transport'. Thank you to our PTA for funding the coaches and thank you to all of our parents for supporting our PTA so well.

During the week, all of our classes have been rehearsing their dances for the upcoming Summer Revels event which takes place on Saturday 10th June. A lot of time, effort and preparation goes into learning these dances and all the children have a specific role in the sequences, especially the maypole dance. The children need lots of coordination, resilience and organisation when they are learning these challenging but very rewarding routines. You will all get the opportunity to see their final pieces at our Summer Revels event. We are so blessed as a school to be able to continue with this tradition which is a great opportunity to bring our school and the community together. I look forward to seeing you all there.

And finally, I am not going to mention anything about the weather this week! I hope you have a great bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes,
Jane Sharrock

SCHOOL LIBRARY OPENING

We were very excited to officially open our wonderful school library on Tuesday. Joining us were several representatives from the Findon Village Shop Management Committee who have donated money to the school and the children's author David Fuller. Our Reading Ambassadors welcomed our special visitors and answered questions. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our PTA, who work tirelessly to raise money for the school, and also made a substantial donation towards the library.

David also spent time with KS2 children, to talk about his new book - Chloe and the Comets - and about his writing generally. It was lovely to see him back. There is still time to buy one or more of David's books, at the discounted rate of £4.50, through his website (see posters attached with this week's newsletter).



SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

We have had an update regarding the pool and the committee have confirmed that some repairs have taken place but they are still organising the removal of the old boiler and making arrangements for the new air source heat pump to be fitted. The committee are also working with the local community to engage more volunteers to support with the running and maintenance of the pool.



END OF THE DAY COLLECTION

Please can we remind adults collecting children at the end of the day, from the back of the school, to wait on the drive until 3.10pm and then walk to the gate to collect the children.

REMINDER - YEAR 1 PHONICS MEETING

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 8th May at 2.40pm to inform you about the Year 1 Phonics screening, which will take place week commencing 10th June. This meeting will give you an opportunity to find out about the assessment arrangements and ask any questions you may have.

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- Email to Year 5 parents – taster sessions at Worthing High School
- Year 6 SATS Breakfast Club letter

PTA UPDATE

Thank you to all of you who took part in Bag2School. We managed to raise £40 for the school which is great!

Summer Revels Boards

One of our main sponsors, Michael Jones, is willing to advertise the Summer Revels for us, so we are looking for people who would be happy to have a board up in their front garden. We are looking for places in the Village, Valley and along the A24. They would go up roughly 3 weeks prior to the event. If you can help us, please drop us an email on findonpta@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

Charity Collection Boxes

We have some new small charity boxes which we would love to find a home for to raise some extra money for our school. If you know of any businesses who would be happy to have one of these for our PTA please do get in touch. We are also trying to find a home for a large charity coin drop container so again if you know of anywhere we would love to hear from you.



The Summer Revels Facebook event is now live. Please do share this online with your friends and family and invite as many people as you can. You will also start to see our posters around the local area now! Only 5 weeks to go!

Have a great long weekend!

The PTA Committee

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DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Wed 8 May	Y1 Phonics meeting for parents (2.40pm)
Mon 13 – Thurs 16 May	Y6 National Curriculum tests
Wed 22 May	Holly Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Thurs 23 May	New Reception intake 2024 parent meeting (6pm)
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	Half-term break
Mon 3 June	INSET Day
Tues 4 June	Back to school
Thurs 6 June	PTA Non-uniform day in aid of Revels
Fri 7 June	Class & Year 6 leavers photos, cakes for Revels please!
Sat 8 June	SUMMER REVELS
Mon 10 – Fri 14 June	Y5&Y6 Residential Trip
w/c 10 June	Y1 Phonics screening
Thurs 20 June	Sports Day (am)
Wed 26 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral
Wed 3 July	Y1& Y2 Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Mon 8 July	KS2 trip to Pulborough Brooks
Fri 12 July	NEW REVISED DATE – PTA SUMMER DISCO
Wed 17 July	Leavers' Service at school (9am)
Mon 22 July	Year 6 Leavers' party (3.30pm)
Tues 23 July	Last day of term

