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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a relaxing Spring break and were able to enjoy some of the easing of Covid restrictions, despite the unseasonably cold weather.

It is lovely having the children back and we are all beginning to feel that school life is beginning to be slightly more normal. Everyone is enjoying the freedom and space that a dry field gives us at break and lunch times, a wider range of clubs have started after school, and whole class music lessons are taking place face to face rather than online, but still with no singing. I have also started leading 'bubble assemblies' in the hall, rather than recording zoom ones.

Continuing to be mindful of ongoing Covid restrictions, and the need to keep the school community safe, we have tentatively planned some of our traditional summer events. These are all subject to change or cancellation, if restrictions are not lifted by the government, or if there are any significant increases in Covid infection rates locally.

Summer Events

Year 4 swimming starts	Wednesday 28 th April
Year 5 Residential to Bowles Outdoor Activity Centre	Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th June
Sports Day	Wednesday 23 rd June
Reserve Sports Day	Wednesday 30 th June
Upper Key Stage 2 performance	Week commencing 5 th or 12 th July Subject to DfE allowing performances with an audience.
Year 6 Residential to Bowles Outdoor Activity Centre	Monday 19 th – Wednesday 23 rd July

These events will all be planned and risk assessed to be as Covid secure as possible.



Whilst we are keen to arrange curriculum enrichment visits as soon as possible, the local authority has very stringent rules about planning trips to ensure children do not mix with the wider public or other schools. We are also not allowed to use car sharing as a means of transport. This is somewhat limiting on what we can arrange, but please be assured that your child will still receive an exciting education here at Wivelsfield. We hope some guidance may be relaxed in Term 6.

Deputy Headteacher Interviews

Interviews for a substantive Deputy Headteacher will be taking place next **Friday 30th April**. Because of the need for social distancing, the hall will be used, so there will be no hot meals served that day and all children will eat in their classrooms. A range of baguettes will be offered by Chartwells and these can be ordered in the usual way. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Whole School Art Project

Miss Kelly is planning a whole art project to display in the main reception area and, in conjunction with this, Mrs Shorter is keen to brighten up our road fence with a summer theme of flowers, using upcycled plastic. For this we need lots of clean 1litre and 2 litre plastic bottles and are asking each child to bring one or two (but no more) into school next week, complete with lids.

Staffing update

Many of you already know that Mrs Wakelen has recently had hip surgery. She reports that she is doing well and hopes to be back with us in Term 6; I am sure you all send good wishes to her. In the meantime, we are delighted to welcome Miss Webber to support Owls Class Monday to Wednesday. Mrs Green is also working as an additional teacher with Ms Meade in Year 5 for a couple of days each week.

Morning Drop Off

Please may I remind parents that, unless your child is in Year 5 or 6, we are asking you to stay with them until they are admitted to school with their class teacher or other adult. Thank you.

Thank you for your ongoing support with all the arrangements that continue to be in place to keep the school community safe. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, or any member of the SLT, should you have any concerns or questions about anything that cannot be resolved by your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,



Helen Smith
Headteacher