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Dear Parents and Children,

Thank goodness that the nice weather returned for a while and we have been able to make good use of the field. Being able to spread out a bit has certainly eased the lunchtime pressures somewhat. We did have the saga of the grass cutting to endure (don't ask!) before we could make proper use of it, but the children have loved having the space to spread out and enjoy their freedom!

It was very frustrating that the country didn't come out of lockdown in the way we envisaged last week, but given the rise in cases, particularly of the Delta variant, it was a prudent move. This means that we are still governed by the Schools' Operational Guidance, and must limit our social interactions and keep our COVID safe measures in place. Wyre district currently has more average cases than the England average, so we must remain vigilant. The last thing we want is to close any bubbles, or have people having to self isolate before we break up. Please support us in this by adhering to the following:

- Only come on to the playground if you need to, socially distance whilst waiting, and at pinchpoints, such as gates, and please wear a mask.
- Ensure your child only arrives at school just before their bell to limit the waiting and chance of bubbles mixing. Some children, particularly Maple Class, are arriving VERY early.
- Keep your child with you when waiting for children to be released at the end of the day. Please remember that the sensory garden and log trail are still shut.

Let's hope that all the hard work we have done to keep the virus at bay over the last 16 months allows us to see the easing of restrictions for the summer holidays!

A quick note that we are not altering any class teachers this year—your child will have the opportunity to spend 2 mornings in their new classroom over the next few weeks and get to know their new teacher and the classroom environment. You have received an email about drop off points on these days.

Thank you for your continued support in these tricky times.

Stephanie Reeves
Headteacher



Parent Governor

I was really pleased to announce Dr Luke Holmes as our new parent governor. Luke will serve a 4 year term, alongside our other parent governors—James Bunting and Petra Werler. Welcome Luke!

Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee

We have been informed this week that, as the extra bank holiday granted for this occasion falls within a school holiday, we need to alter our term dates in order to compensate for this day. This means that we need to add an extra day to our holiday pattern. We will add it at the end or beginning of our published pattern. We have a Governors' meeting this week, and once they have agreed the date, we will issue you with a revised holiday pattern for 21/22..



Assessment Week

The children have all just completed 2 weeks of assessments, covering reading, writing and maths. They all did incredibly well and we are excited to see the results which should confirm the amazing progress they have made this year. Although all



statutory assessments were cancelled, we like to have data to confirm our own teacher assessments. The children all tried incredibly hard and should be super proud of themselves.

Summer Improvement Works

As usual, the summer holidays will be a busy time in school as we continue to improve our premises and create a beautiful environment for our school family. Acorn and Rowan Class will be decorated with new flooring, repainting, new blinds and some new furniture. We will also be creating an accessible toilet and improving the staff toilets. We have also been selected for a project in the Government's latest round of Condition Led Funding, with the replacement of our roof covering. I'm not sure when this work will commence but we are very excited, as we could not have afforded this project from our school budget.

School Activities and Achievements

As usual, we have all been very busy, and trying hard to keep things normal in these difficult times. Oak Class continue to practise for their end of term production, and had further input from Blue Moose Dance for the choreography. They had a super day and we can see the impact having professionals to help has had! (no offence Mr W!)

Ash Class enjoyed a Zoom Poetry session with poet James Carter. They also spent a day at Footprint in Windemere, learning about the Stone Age and how people lived. They had a great day, making some very authentic looking axes!

Beech Class took a trip to Haigh Hall, where they spent the day doing a range of activities, including tackling the high ropes, bushcraft activities and golf.

Acorn Class spent a lovely day at Humblesough Farm, having a forest day with Mr Seddon. They had marshmallows cooked on the fire, made dens and fairy houses and created pots and wands. They were a delight to be with all day!

Two of our pupils represented the school at the annual Armed Forces Day Flag Raising ceremony. They really appreciated the opportunity to give thanks for the incredible work the armed forces do.

July

1st	Induction/Transition morning
2nd	Willow Class to Leighton Hall
6th	Induction/Transition morning
7th	Sports Day
8th	Rowan Class to Humblesough Farm
16th	Reports home
19th	Oak Class Awards Evening 6:30 pm
20th	School closes for Summer

ParentPay

Please ensure that your Parent Pay accounts are up to date before we break up for summer. It would really help the office if this could be done in the next week or so, in order for them to ensure the accounts are straight. Thank you.