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Dear Parents/Carers,

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As we move into the summer term, let's hope the current run of warm weather continues! Can I take this opportunity to remind you that children should have suncream applied before school every day and that they should wear hats if they have them and bring a water bottle in to school.

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Drop off/ pick up times

The roadworks in the immediate vicinity of the school have now finished, so we will be reverting to our usual drop off and pick up times. The bell rings in the playground at 8.50am and children will be released from class at 3.10pm.

SIAMS inspection

We were delighted with our recent SIAMS (Church OFSTED) inspection and some of the highlights of the inspectors report are quoted below:

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- *The headteacher is committed to developing the school as a church school. He leads by example, and the whole staff commitment to embedding the school's Christian ethos nurtures the well-being of the whole child.*
- *Christian values such as compassion, justice and perseverance are explored within a Christian context. They underpin the beliefs, behaviours and attitudes of staff and pupils. Pupils' behaviour both in classrooms and around the school is positive and mutually respectful.*
- *Distinctly Christian teaching and prayer in collective worship strongly contribute to pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.*
- *There are positive relationships between all members of the school community and there are strong links with the church.*

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Playground repair & new ball catcher

You may have noticed that we had our KS2 playground repaired during the February half term and more recently, we had a shiny new ball catcher and playground markings game installed. We are in the process of establishing some rules for the catcher, but we hope that the children really enjoy playing with it.

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Cleaner job update

Mrs Carlton, our lovely cleaner, has now left us after nine years for pastures new. We are holding interviews this week and we hope to be able to make a successful appointment soon.



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Sharing Assembly

A reminder that we do *not* hold sharing assembly on either the first or last Fridays of each term. The next one therefore is this Friday, 27th April. We always *aim* to finish by 9.30am, although please be understanding that it is sometimes hard to estimate how long a teaching / learning activity will take.

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Also, we are always delighted that so many of you are able and willing to join us each Friday, however, if you do bring some young children/babies with you, please understand that if they get grizzly, or cry, we do ask you to remove yourself discreetly, as it can be very off-putting for some of our children if there is a lot of noise elsewhere. Thank you for your support and understanding in this.

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GDPR compliance update

GDPR

General
Data
Protection
Regulation



As part of the new General Data Protection Regulations which come into force on the 25th May, Mrs Owen will be writing (via email) to all parents currently signed up to our email and texting systems. Unfortunately we are unable to continue with our current 'opt out' system and so every parent now needs to '**opt in**' to continue receiving emails and texts from school. Please keep an eye open for the email and make sure you respond accordingly.

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Plant Sale

You may have seen the signs on your way into and out of school as our popular plant sale will take place on the **Saturday 5th May** this year. The fun starts at 10am and we have plants donated by local growers plus shrubs for sale at bargain prices! Come along and see for yourself!



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As usual we will offer children a non-uniform day on Friday 4th May. In return for this, please would you donate a cake or bottle to be sold at our sale on the Saturday? Members of our FPTA will be collecting them before school on Friday, so please bring them with you then.

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Walk to school

Our walking to school initiative still continues and most of our children still walk, scoot or cycle to school every day. However, our totals are slowly decreasing. As the weather picks up and the days are longer and lighter, please consider walking into school? 'Park & Stride' (walking from the village hall or church car parks) also count towards our total and alleviates congestion in the road, so it does not have to be the whole journey!



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Parking



Please consider our neighbours when parking at drop off and pick up times and where possible try not to park on the corners of the roads please. Cars should never be parked on the yellow lines outside school as this causes a real hazard to traffic. Our JRSOs do a brilliant job of spotting 'naughty' parents, but please please can we try and help them?

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Library Books

We have some children who have had their library books at home for at least one month now. We may have to ask those parents to pay for missing library books if they are not returned so please if you find one at home, bring it in to school as soon as you can.

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KS2 SATS

A reminder to Y6 parents that the KS2 SATS are fast approaching! Please look out for a letter from Mr Byrne with the arrangements on for that week plus details of our regular SATS breakfast club.

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Spellathon

Our HUGE thanks to Mrs Farrell for organizing the recent Spellathon. I am delighted to announce that we raised over £2,500 to support reading and literacy across the school for the next year. We will announce the class who raised the most money next week. Harder to calculate than you'd think!



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Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark McCadden'.

Mark McCadden
HEADTEACHER

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Dates For your Diary:

April

30th Viola Assembly – 9.15am

May

5th Plant Sale

7th May Bank holiday

9th Class Photographs

14th Start of KS2 SATS week

21st Start of KS1 SATS week

28th Start of Half Term

June

4th First day back to school

4th-8th Bikeability week (Y6)

20th Y5/6 Triathlon

22nd Y6 leavers service Chichester Cathedral

28th HMS Victory trip Orange Class (Provisional)

July

4th Transition day

5th Sports Day

6th Save the Children Den Day

10th Sports Day *backup*

17th KS2 play performance to school & parents with small children

18th KS2 play performance (6.30pm start)

19th KS2 play performance (6.30pm start)

20th Celebration Afternoon for parents 2.00pm – 3.30pm

24th Y6 leavers service in church (9.30am)

Y6 leavers presentation and assembly in school (1.30pm)

Last day of term