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Dear Parents / Carers,

Yesterday's production of 'Falling Stars' was yet another triumph for the team led most capably by Mrs Hancock's creativity and organisation.

Undoubtedly, this shows us what 'Thriving Together' means in practice. All sections of our community pulled together to support the children: parents, ex-parents, staff, children, members of the local community and other volunteers. The result was something that the children will remember for the rest of their lives.



In education, there is rightly a keen focus on 'standards' and 'outcomes'. The main weighting of consideration in relation to these standards is on English, Maths and the taught curriculum. What is less considered by policy setters is the children's ability to cooperate, to be resilient and brave, their ability to empathise and support each other or their own self-awareness. These outcomes were all achieved to an incredibly high level by the children performing yesterday and are just as important as other standards.



We continue to see children across the country who struggle with anxiety and poor mental health. Whilst the blame for this is laid at the door of social media, the Covid pandemic and cultural factors, we must also recognise that a lack of identity and belonging is also a major factor. The sense of belonging to a community is incredibly powerful, especially when this community is there to support children through the challenges of growing up and developing. Events like 'Falling Stars' are not just extremely enjoyable to watch, but they enable children to feel part of something – the number of children wearing their T-shirts today shows that they do.

With warmest wishes as always,

Mr Vernon, Headteacher



Transition Day

On Friday 26th June, we will be holding a transition morning for the children. This will be a chance to meet their new teachers and complete some activities with them ahead of September. We will provide information about your child's new teacher next week ahead of the day. This is deliberately left closer to the time so as to minimise any anxieties the children might have. We will also be creating social stories for specific children who find transitioning year groups challenging.

Year 6 children will attend their destination school for September on Friday 26th June – they do not need to come into school on this day as they will spend the day at their secondary provision.

Due to staffing logistics, the current Year 4 cohort will complete transition activities during Friday 26th June, but will not be with their new teachers until Wednesday 1st July: details will be clearer when we provide information about the new classes next week.



Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 3rd July, there will be a non-uniform day in return for donations for the Summer Fayre for Years R-5.

Please support the PTFA by bringing in one of the following on the day. Any bottles with alcoholic contents should be handed directly to an adult please.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: chocolates / biscuits etc

Years 3, 4 and 5: bottles, wine etc, soft drinks, nice smellies.

Please ensure that the clothes you child wears are fully appropriate for the school day: no strapped tops or flip flops, for example.

New Uniform Supplier

The school now has an official clothing provider, RT Promotions, who are based in the village. They will be



in school on Thursday 25th June from 15:00 – 16:00 for any family who would like to come and try uniform sizes. Please come directly to the Studio if you would like to take up this opportunity.

Request From Children's Commissioner

The Children's Commissioner is requesting further responses from children to the latest national survey, 'The Big Future': <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture> .

She would like to hear from as many children as possible in every school and college, in every community, across the country. The more pupils who participate from different schools, the more accurately their experiences, views and aspirations will be reflected in the national picture that will help shape future policy. At a time of significant change for children and young people, it is more important than ever that their views are reflected in policymaking. Through this survey, the commissioner can take the voices of our children directly to the centre of government.

'Little Ninjas'

We are looking into the practicalities of setting up a 'Little Ninjas' Karate club from September. The club would focus on general martial arts skills with a strong emphasis on mindset and character development. The link below provide a flavour for the club!

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DWo1rTSIBqD/>

Please complete the following form to share your opinion about this club – if we do not receive sufficient responses then we cannot proceed.

[Interest in Karate Club – Fill in form](#)



Enuresis

The school nursing team wanted to share that they have recently made some changes to their School Nursing Enuresis (Bedwetting) Service. This is now going to be referred to as our 'Nocturnal Enuresis Intervention' and although the offer will remain the same, they just wanted to highlight the change of name for clarity.

They provide specialised support for children with enuresis (bedwetting), offering dedicated appointments, assessment, and advice for children aged 7–19 and if appropriate can provide enuresis alarms to support children being dry at night.

We have attached an updated referral form which can be completed by families requesting help and then returned to: School Nursing Admin Hub- dhc.snadmin.hub@nhs.net



Any children who are currently receiving Nocturnal Enuresis support, will remain under our service, and continue to receive support from us as they have been.

Tesco Fruit Donation

Thank you to Tesco's in Lytchett for donating fruit to us again. It lasted approximately 2 minutes on the Key Stage 2 playground and was very much enjoyed by the children. Delicious and nutritious!

Request from Dorset Police

We have received the following information from Dorset Police:

Thank you to those who attended our recent webinar on knife crime and serious violence facilitated by my Office and Dorset Police. We hope you found the session helpful and informative. As part of our ongoing work to keep people safe, we are asking young people living across the Dorset and BCP areas aged 10-25 to share their views through a short survey. Their experiences and perspectives are vital in helping us shape how we respond to issues such as knife crime and serious violence across our communities.

We would be grateful if you could encourage your child or young person to take a few minutes to take part using the QR code. The survey is confidential and their input will directly inform future prevention work, support services and local action.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us build safer communities for young people.



Attendance

We now have 386 children with attendance over 90% and 309 with attendance over 95%. Our current overall attendance is 95.7% - this is 1% higher than the end of the last academic year. Keep it up!

Over the last two weeks, the class with the highest overall attendance was Buzzard – congratulations!

