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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after half term. It seems the summer and sunshine have finally arrived!

**A very warm welcome:**

We are delighted to advise parents and carers that Mrs Clare Hyde is due to join our teaching team in September. Welcome Mrs Hyde!

**Safeguarding: Snapchat:**

We are aware that children are using Snapchat to message one another. The messages sent via Snapchat are different in their longevity compared to, for example, WhatsApp. The attached information leaflet will explain more.

**Ely Children and Family Centre:**

This site is easy to use and access support from for all families. Please contact the centre and what is happening this month. Parents can contact the Children and Family Centre directly. The phone number is: 01353 611594. The centre is open from 9am to 4pm every day.

The Children and Family Centre offer activities and support for families with children aged 0 - 19 years old. This is a free service for families.

**Narrow paths near the school entrance:**

We appreciate how narrow the pavements are around school and this is particularly the case near the zebra crossing.

Please be mindful of your location for catching up with other parents and carers in relation to the zebra crossing and pavement to ensure there is always easy access for wheelchairs and buggies. There is potential for a dangerous situation if congestion of parents means it becomes a squeeze to walk so close to the road. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

**Have you opened your My Happy Mind account yet?**

The log in below will provide access to strategies to teach your child on how to control feelings of anxiety or anger.

All our families can now log into My Happy Mind free of charge.

Log in link here: <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code (110807).

If you log in but do not receive an email with your log in details, then request a password reset and to enable you to log in. If you need any help, please contact school.

There is an app that you can download for your phone as well as using the software online.

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### **Potential hot weather and uniform:**

Should the hot weather continue, we are happy for children to wear very light summer clothing in school colours. If you remember, we had this modification of uniform last summer when it was very hot.

### **Sports Day:**

Please find attached to this email a letter from Miss Oliver our PE Lead about the arrangements for Sports Day this year. The letter details information about both the Reception and Key Stage One Sports Day and Key Stage Two.

We are continuing with the booking system for all school events to uphold our safeguarding duty and fire regulations. If booking poses an issue, please contact the office for advice. Thank you.

### **Production Company seeking dog owners:**

We have been asked by Five Mile Productions to circulate the attached flyer.

### **Beaver Scouts need you!**

The group Scout Leader from Witchford is seeking new recruits for Beaver Scouts. Beaver Scouts is for children who are 6 to 8 years old. Is this something your child would be interested in?

The group would also like to hear from parents who are willing to volunteer to help run the colony, ideally before the summer holidays. If we can't achieve this, we will need to close the section.

### **Wildlife Trust at Ely Country Park on Saturday 10th June**

A super event, 'Go Wild with Ely Wildlife Watch' is happening on Saturday 10th June at 2 - 4pm.

Come along to the Wildlife Trust gazebo in Ely Country Park to find out about some of the amazing wildlife in Ely Country park including using sweep nets to discover what is living in the nettles and try your hand at some nature based crafts.

This **free session** is aimed at primary age children and their families. It would help our planning if you can book but you can just turn up.

More information is on the Wildlife Trust website including how to book at <https://www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2023-06-10-ely-wildlife-watch-free-taster-session>

### **Ely Arts Festival**

Ely Arts Festival runs from 16th - 30th June 2023 and features a fun, creative and diverse programme of cultural events and activities.

One of our highlight shows is "Roald Dahl & the Imagination Seekers" at City of Ely College on Sunday 25th June.

*All around the world Roald Dahl's words are disappearing, not only from books but children's minds too! Now only a secret organisation known as the Ancient Guild of TaleTenders can save the stories - and they need your help...*

*Especially made for ages 5 and up, the show develops both creative and literacy skills through performance, games and creative play, while exploring Roald Dahl's extraordinary stories, including The BFG and The Twits along the way.*

To find out more about this and the rest of our exciting events, please head over to our website: <https://www.elyartsfestival.org/whats-on>


There is also a flyer attached to this email.

#### **G's Open Farm Sunday - 11 June 2023 - SEN Information**

Please find attached some information about G's Open Farm this weekend.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Best wishes,



Miss Turner  
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