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Dear Parents

Sadly the weather this week has affected school life. This is the first Sports Day we have had to postpone during my headship. As you are aware, I kept the decision until the last moment as I understand many will have put in place complex arrangements to attend. The weather meant that it was just not safe to continue and it would have been extremely unpleasant both for supporters and participants. Hopefully we will be able to go ahead on Tuesday 2 July.

We have also had to reorganise the Fun Run. The date for this is 28 June. Please see timings below:

Reception: 9.30am Year 1: 9.45am Year 2: 10.30am Years 3 and 4: 1.30pm

The Year 1 trip went ahead on Monday. The children spent the day at Chessington, where it rained most of the day. The children still managed to have an exciting day exploring the zoo. There was an excellent workshop learning about some of the animals they have in more detail, and the children thoroughly enjoyed a couple of rides associated with some of the stories they have studied in the past. Many thanks to the many parents who expressed their thanks and admiration for the team who made sure children were happy and as comfortable as possible in light of the unpredictable conditions at the time of planning. I attended the trip and I would like to add my thanks for the commitment that was shown to ensuring all were well looked after. A news item is now up on the website.

During the organisation for both of the above events it came to light that a number of people are ordering a school lunch or grab bag as well as sending a lunch into school. Please can I ask you not to do this: firstly, it is very confusing for the children and secondly it adds to an increasing amount of wasted food. I would also like to remind you that the Universal Free School Meals available for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are NOT free to school. Any lunches ordered are paid for by us which means paying for lunches that are not eaten is even more wasteful.

Many, many thanks to the parents and friends who joined the TSSSA working party last Saturday to do a final clean up before the Summer Fair. Again, it was lovely to meet you all. The impact it is having at school is extremely positive. The outside environment has improved enormously over the last two sessions. We hope to fit one more in before the end of term. Look out for the date and come along if you can. It is a great way to meet new people and volunteer your skills. Thank you.

This week we have hosted several visitors. On Thursday Father David led assembly. He focussed on Pentecost and explained the difficult concept of the Holy Spirit clearly to the children. He reminded the children that by doing kind acts the spirit is working within us.

On Wednesday Superintendent Hudson and his team came to judge our art competition. The children had been asked to design pictures which the station could use in a new Well Being Room to support officers. The Superintendent was very impressed with the level of work he and the team saw and they found judging the competition quite a challenge. They awarded a winner from each year group and an overall winner. The winners were given lovely prizes and have also been invited to the station to see their work in place when the project is complete. Many thanks to Sophia Harrison for organising the project and congratulations to our winners: Aiden (Reception), Austin (Year 1), Mia (Year 2), Elena (Year 3), Erin (Year 4) and Olivia (Year 4) as overall winner. Pictures can be seen on the school website.



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On Thursday Reception had a wonderful day focussed on how to look after an animal. In the morning the children met Mrs Horsfield and Maisie, her golden retriever, where they learnt what Maisie needs to keep her happy and healthy. In the afternoon Mr Best, a local vet, came in to talk about and demonstrate how he looks after animals. He brought with him his tortoises. Many thanks to our visitors who help us put the learning into context and keep it relevant for the children. You can see some of the photos from these events on the website.

Many thanks to those of you who supported our Colour Afternoon and donated to Christian Aid. We are able to send a cheque of £54 to the charity.

Next week we are taking part in Clean Air Day on 20 June. The week will begin with an assembly on the importance of clean air and the small changes we can make to help keep our air as clean as possible. On Thursday 20 June we will be asking the children to help reduce pollution around the school by walking, cycling or scooting to school. If you live further away maybe you could make an arrangement to park slightly further away from school and walk, scoot or cycle in. Please help your child support this initiative.

We have, sadly, come to the decision that we are not in a position to start an After School Club in September. After looking at the results of parent questionnaires and exploring the staffing position we are not able to commit to this venture at the moment.

I am pleased to say that we have qualified as one of twelve schools in Windsor for Legoland’s free school ticket programme, with each family receiving four tickets for the resort, valid until 21 July. These will be distributed next week by Mrs Martin who will be on the playground at 8.45am on Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 3.00pm on Thursday for you to collect them.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Fair tomorrow.

Kind regards

Louise Lovegrove
Headteacher

FUTURE DATES			
15 June	TSSSA Summer Fete	2 July	Sports Day
18 June	Reception class assembly (9am)	3 July	Parents Evenings from 5pm
20 June	Ufton Court Assembly (9am)	10 July	Year 4 Summer Production (2pm)
21 June	Reception reports go home	11 July	Year 4 Summer Production (6pm)
28 June	Fun Run	16 July	Leavers Service: Holy Trinity Church at 9.30am
29 June	Party in the Playground	19 July	Term ends
1 July	Parents Evenings from 3.30pm		



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