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From the Head

I don't think we could have had a better day in terms of the weather for last weekend's Mangotsfield Festival. Well done to our Maypole Dancers who performed with great determination and skill at the Festival and a special thank you to Mrs Chipping (Y1) and Mrs Thorn (Y3) for helping the children to put on such an excellent show. Our gratitude also to Adrian Bradley and the PTA for organising and running the Bottle stall and Lucky Dip on the day, and to all those parents who kindly contributed to the bottle collection.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Arts Day on Tuesday, especially the energetic, enthusiastic and highly talented group of African Drummers who returned to the school for the 2nd year running. The final assembly was a particularly exciting and rousing affair, with many of the staff joining in with the band for some impromptu African dancing. Many thanks to Ms Smith (Y3) and Ms Robbins (Y1) for the excellent organisation (more details about the Art's Day can be found below).

As you know we have made great efforts to encourage more children to come to school under their own steam, including by bicycle. Furthermore to support the safety of children we have been running Cycling Proficiency courses at the school over the past few weeks. However, we are still a little concerned about the number of children cycling to school without a cycle helmet. Whilst, the use of cycle helmets is not compulsory in the UK, they are highly recommended and have been found to be crucial in reducing the number of serious head and spinal injuries from accidents involving bicycles. The roads around Emersons Green can be particularly hazardous with many blind spots, and therefore we would very much appreciate your support in ensuring that if your child cycles to school, they wear a helmet.

Finally please be aware that as from Monday 18th June, the school will no longer be responsible for collecting dinner money which will now be carried out by the local authority's Traded and Support Services. Therefore, the office staff are no longer authorised to collect money from parents – please see full details below.

School Events & Notices

Infant Sports Day

Infant sports day will take place on Tuesday 26th June commencing at 9:30am. The children will need to wear a hat and sunscreen and drinks will be provided. As the children are under our supervision, we would appreciate it if you would refrain from approaching them during the event. It does upset and distract them and makes it difficult for us to supervise them.

David Moss has kindly agreed to take photographs of the children on the day. If you DO NOT wish for your child to be photographed then please let me know in advance. The photographs will later be on sale for a small fee to raise funds for the PTA. Thank you and we hope to see you there! (Emma Harrison, PE Coordinator)

Change of dates for KS 1 football club and multi-skills club

As Monday 25th June is an Inset day, Mr Hynam has very kindly agreed to reschedule the football club for Wednesday 27th June. This will be the first session for the children who have been selected for the second group. I shall also be holding the multi-skills club on this day instead of Monday.

Arts Day

Arts Day was a huge success on Tuesday 12th June! We used 'Countries of the World' as a general theme and the children had great fun taking part in all different kinds of activities. These ranged from making African Fante flags, Australian didgeridoos, Mexican weavings, Native American totem poles and textiles inspired by Indian batiks, to creating paintings based on Japanese prints. Last but not least, the Year 6 children, after a visit from my sister Debbie Smith (who works at Aardman Animations) really enjoyed making their own British inspired plasticine models for animation. Watch out Nick Park! (Dawn Smith Arts Coordinator)

Summer Festival of Sport

Next weekend on Saturday 23rd June, four of our Year 2 boys and girls will be taking part in the South Gloucestershire Festival of Youth Sports sponsored by Airbus. The event aims to give children a memorable and enjoyable experience in a variety of sports, and 2007 will be the 6th year the festival has taken place. The team will be representing our school in tennis, demonstrating the skills they have learned in school alongside professional coach Rebecca Jordan from Rodway Hill Tennis Centre. Miss Strover has very kindly volunteered to be the school team manager. If you wish to come along and support our children, the festival is from 9:00am – 1:30pm at Yate Outdoor Sports Complex (behind Brimsham Green School). Please join me in wishing our team the greatest of success next weekend! (Emma Harrison, PE Coordinator)

All American BBQ & Parent/Pupil Lunch

Chris Keld will be hosting an all American BBQ for the children on Tuesday 10th July 2007, more details to follow. In addition, parents are invited to the school on Thursday 19th July to have lunch with their children. More details to follow.

Changes to Dinner Money Collection

From 18th June the cash collection for school lunches will be collated by Traded and Support Services. For cash collection please can we ask you to place any dinner monies into a clearly marked envelope with your child's name, class, days lunch is required and amount in the envelope. Your child /children can bring this into the class on a Monday morning and their teacher will ask for this when taking the register. Alternatively you can give this to the cash collector who will be on site in the school kitchen from 9.15am – 11am on a Monday morning. **The school office regrets that it will no longer be able to accept receipt of dinner money.**

Community News

Primary Praise - A service for primary school children and their families.

This Sunday 17th June (Father's Day) there will be a short service aimed at primary school children and their families, from 9.30am to 10.00am in the School Hall. The Vicar and members of St James' Church will be leading the service. Coffee, squash and biscuits will be provided afterwards. All are welcome, so please come along. A similar service will be held in the school on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Best wishes

Mark Cripps
Headteacher