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Dear Parents,

Sunshine and showers



Please be prepared for sunshine and showers by ensuring that your child always has a coat at school and also, always has a sun hat. Please make sure that each item of clothing is named so that if it gets taken off, it can be returned to its rightful owner.

Building work

After years of planning, building work is now underway to create a 'shed' in the environmental areas (small patch of land situated beyond the MUGA court at the side and rear of the playground). This is one of the shared areas of the school and the Infants will be using it for outdoor learning, problem solving, den building, experimenting and using as many natural resources as possible. Please be aware that this area and the resources stored within the shed may only be accessed with staff during school time and will be out of bounds before and after school. I will publish some pictures of the shed, the resources and the children's creative play as soon as they are available. The shed may be renamed as the cabin of creativity, the den of discovery or most probably, the children will come up with a name when they start using this outdoor learning space.

Visiting Americans

Seven American teachers, their university tutor and tutor's son will be visiting our school and working with us starting on Tuesday 11th June. We have been enjoying visits from Fredonia University for many years and look forward to all the benefits and the experiences that these teachers will bring to our school as well as having the pleasure of showing them our beautiful city and surrounding countryside.



Foundation Stage Staff

Our Foundation Stage Staff will be away from their classrooms next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as they are carrying out home visits in preparation for the new children joining us in September 2019. If you have a child in Cedar, Oak or Ash class, please remind them that they will have a different teacher to their normal one on those 3 days.

Parental Questionnaire

The 118 parental responses, one more than last year have now been collated and I will publish the results in next week's newsletter. As Head Teacher, I have been extremely heartened by the positivity of the responses and look forward to sharing them with you. Where you have named staff for their excellent support, I have made sure that staff have received these commendations as names will be redacted on the results that I send out.

Earrings

Please do not send Infant children to school with earrings. Earrings can be worn at night if you are worried about the holes closing over. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please do this right at the beginning of the holiday so that earrings can be worn over the holiday period and then removed for school in September. If you have a specific religious requirement for an ear piercing, please make an appointment to see me so that a way forward can be achieved. Thank you.

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets have been sent home today in book bags in an envelope. Please try to sell them and return the money and stubs. Raffle ticket money is a significant part of the PTFA's fundraising efforts. Thank you

Bags to school

Please bring in your full 'bags to school' on Tuesday 18th June at 9am on the school theatre deck if dry or in the basement hall if wet. The PTFA get money for the weight of items donated. Thank you.

Infant School PTFA disco

You will have already received a paper note and an e-mailed note about the school disco. Please be reminded that you must book you child in for the school disco (if they want to go) by 3.30 on Tuesday 11th June. Thank you

Sunshine, showers and thunder and lightning are forecast, only the first of which will please my bees! At this time of year bees have tendencies to swarm so I am taking all precautions so that I don't have to go up ladders and retrieve my bees from neighbouring gardens. I will be sharing some footage of my bees with the children soon and bringing in some of my bee keeping equipment but no real bees!



Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

E.A. Hill

Mrs E A Hill