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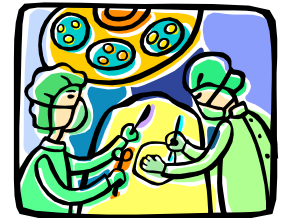
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Dear Parents

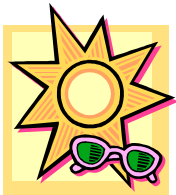
First I would like to thank you all very much for your patience whilst I have been on sick leave. The surgery was unexpected and, I have got to say, the recuperation took a lot longer than I had anticipated. I am still having treatment but will be back to work - 'properly' after half term. It seems ages ago, but just after I went on sick leave Ofsted came and what a fantastic result the school received. 27 out of 28 outstanding! It is a credit to all the staff that such a fantastic result was achieved even when the head is absent.



Mrs Holding has been absolutely super in my absence and I cannot thank her enough for how well she has taught the children and how much they have enjoyed her teaching.

### Hot Weather Warning

Well it may only be for a few days but can you make sure your child has a drink for lunch time, they have a hat in school and sun cream/block if they may be allergic to cream. We will put cream on all the children if it is sunny unless you let us know otherwise. The reason for this is we have little shade and one of our staff did develop skin cancer probably due to their being exposed to too much sun when they were very young. She was told it only had to be once. Do speak to us if you have any concerns re our sun cream. We want to ensure all our children stay safe - not just now but for the future too.



### Hot Lunches

The children are enjoying the hot lunches. They look and smell VERY good. Any comments made both from parents and children - good and bad - are passed on to the caterers, Cygnet. They take all the comments seriously and have acted upon them where they can.



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## Beach Visit

The younger children had a super day at the beach on Monday. The children pretended to be pirates, went in the sea, built sandcastles and moats and, when it got too hot, went to Mrs Donnelly's for an ice lolly. What a treat!

## India Day



The older children had an absolutely fantastic day on Wednesday. Mr Farrington, the headteacher at the Prince of Wales School, came and showed pictures of his time in Indian Schools and taught the children a dance over in the village hall. They loved the dance. He ended the morning with ALL the older children dressing up in Indian clothes (with bangles, ankle bracelets and bindies for the girls) for a play. Next the 'Let's Get Cooking' group, with Mrs Price and Mrs Folley, Mrs Holding and Mrs Watson, cooked a vegetable curry and rice, with all the trimmings, for every child. In the afternoon the children made coloured rice pictures. A wonderful, memorable day.



## May Day Celebrations

A HUGE thank you to everyone that came and brought children to the May Day Celebrations. Everyone had a great time. Our queen, helpers and assistants were brilliant and looked super. The maypole dancing was great and the Morris dancers scary and wonderful. As well as it being a great day, the Friends of the School received £600 too. How much better can it get.

## Swimming

Swimming is going really well at the Thomas Hardy Leisure Centre. Thank you so very much to the Friends for their extremely generous donation of £600 which has allowed it to happen. Unfortunately the LA has stopped paying for the coaches. Last year they were paid for by the Sports Partnership from Wimborne. This year they, unfortunately, do not have sufficient funds to contribute - so - thank you, true Friends.



## Training Day and Half Term

Tomorrow, Friday 28 May, we have a training day so the staff will be in but it is the beginning of the half term holiday for the children. We hope you have a great time, particularly if the weather stays as nice and warm and sunny as it is now.

**Do take care over the holiday and we will see you again - safe and well - Monday 7 June.**

Kind regards

Ann Herridge



