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Dear parents,

Welcome back after the Easter break. I hope you and your family had a fantastic time.

Drinking Water

To avoid dehydration, children are allowed water in class in a named bottle. This should be a different bottle from the one they have in their packed lunches and must contain water only.

PE

During the Summer term the children will have PE outside all the time weather permitting. The class will learn how to play various cricket games and strive for their best performance in a range of athletics. After half term, the children will swim twice each week. PE will take place on Monday and Fridays and for this half term the children have a Dodgeball club on Wednesdays.

Correct PE kit is simply a white t-shirt or green William Barnes t-shirt, black shorts, PE socks and trainers. The children may wear their PE kit to school on PE days and when they have an after school club.

15 Minute Run

The class will be running the daily mile on Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons if we can fit it in. They do not need their PE kit for this but they do need some shoes they can run in. Please if you are buying new school shoes for your child can you choose a pair that allow them to be active at playtimes and can also be used for their daily mile.

Homework (not optional please)

The children will have homework as follows

- Three reading homeworks per week to be recorded in their reading journal and one reading activity with three parental signatures - at the moment this is checked each Monday.
- Maths homework weekly from Mr Field linked to their targets and on line homework using Mathletics.

Homework has improved even further over the past half term, with the vast majority of the class giving their homework in on time each week.

Lateness and absence

School begins at 8.45am but it is better if the children are here from 8.30 as they get a chance to finish off work and practise key skills each day. Please ensure that your child is in school on time.

The curriculum

Below are the subjects and topics we will be covering during the Summer term. Our main topic is the Stone Age and we will be making as many links as possible with this in literacy and other subjects.

English	Playscripts – based on novel “There’s a boy in the girl’s bathroom.” Stories from other cultures – Stig of the Dump Descriptive writing – Formal letters Narrative poetry – the Highwayman
History	Prehistory – the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age
RE	Sikhism/Christianity – how should Christians and Sikhs show their commitment to their religion
PE	Cricket, athletics, tennis, swimming
ICT	Coding using Scratch and Logo
Art	Take One Picture project - Printing
Music	Songs with different accompaniments – school production
Science	Humans as Animals and Habitats
PSHE	Friendships, Sex education
DT	Controlling a Lego model by coding and making a vehicle with a mechanism
French	French – plurals, adjectives, numbers to sixty

I haven’t included maths above as we will be covering the whole of the maths curriculum in each term each time at a harder level.

Ancient Technology Centre Visit

We are hoping to arrange a visit from an expert in the Stone Age from the ancient technology centre. There will be a small contribution from each child if this goes ahead.

Classic Books

I have been so pleased to see the children shifting their reading tastes towards more classic children’s books. Classic books can often be found in charity shops or in dusty old book shelves at home. If you have any editions you no longer require they would be most welcome on our classroom shelves.

Once again I’d like to say that if you have any concerns please come and see me, and thank you for all your support.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Hull and Lorna Howarth