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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Summer term is now upon us and we know that it will whizz by very quickly. We have lots of exciting events on the horizon this term including visits, residentials and visitors to school. There will also be plenty of opportunities for parents and carers to come into school too to both celebrate achievements and to support children in their learning. We look forward to welcoming you into school over the coming months.

Sports achievements

Our sporting achievements centre around running this term, Mr Taylor completed his marathon during the Easter break in a very respectable time and succeeded in raising both money and awareness for his chosen charity SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity. Well done Mr Taylor. Next term we will be hosting our annual Sports day as part of Sports Week. The week is currently being planned and I am keen to work with local sports clubs and groups to provide taster sessions and sign posts for our children to get involved in local sport opportunities. Please do get in contact if you can help with this.

Bikeability



The new term has started as the last one ended with further year groups taking part in the Bikeability scheme. The children once again represented themselves superbly and made us very proud. In our assembly celebrating the children's achievements we also discussed being safe and considerate of others when biking and scooting to school. We encourage all children to wear a helmet, should your child be worried about where they are going to keep it during the day please speak to the class teacher and we will ensure that children know where they can be kept safely. While we continue to ask that children don't bike or scoot on the playground or paths to and from B and T as

there are often younger children in these areas with less awareness, it is wonderful to see the number of children biking, scooting and walking to school increasing.

Attendance

This term has started with a 100% attendance for our Year 6 class. The children were very proud of this and very excited to receive the KS2 attendance award on Friday. Attendance at school is a high priority for us here at The Duke of Bedford and we appreciate your support to make sure that your children are in school daily and on time. For information on our attendance policy please see the policies section on the school website. There can be a number of reasons that a child's attendance may drop, it is essential that if this happens we are able to discuss a way forward with parents and carers to remove any barriers to attendance at school swiftly. If your child's attendance has dropped below 90%, we will make contact to both raise our concern and offer support. An attendance concern letter will be sent to parents and you will be invited to get in contact to make a meeting. If you receive one of these letters please see this as an opportunity to work together in a supportive way.

Trips and Visitors

Over the Easter break it was wonderful to see many of our children and families getting involved in some of the locally organised events such as the Easter celebrations at the Bedford Hall. With the 80th anniversary of VE day approaching we will be welcoming visitors to school to share information and introduce the children to a number of artefacts. We hope this will support the children to increase their knowledge and take part in the local anniversary celebrations with a better understanding of the significance of these. Year 3 are studying local history this term and will be delving further into significant places, people and events that have shaped that history so this will be particularly useful for them.



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Reports

As we continue to evolve and work towards being more sustainable as a school, we will be moving to our end of year reports being sent to parents and carers digitally this year. Please ensure that your email addresses are up to date with the office so that they reach you at the correct address. The end of year report is a fabulous opportunity to celebrate children's growth both academically and personally and we look forward to sharing these with you.

Staffing Updates

Miss Hornsby went on maternity leave at Easter and we are pleased to share with you that she and her family have now welcomed a baby girl and that both mother and baby are healthy and well. I am sure you will all join with us as a school community to send her and her family our congratulations. We will be welcoming Mrs Worth to the Reception team on May 1st to cover Miss Hornsby whilst she is on maternity leave.

Governors

Before the end of term we completed a parent governor election and as a result we are pleased to welcome Lisa Nagle to our governing board. In addition Roger Brown was re-elected as a parent governor in the same parent governor election. Kate Allgood has now vacated her parent governor position and has been elected as a co-opted governor by the governing board.

The board is now made up of 11 governors consisting of 1 Headteacher, 1 Staff Governor, 1 Local authority governor, 4 parent governors and 4 co-opted governors. We still have 1 co-opted governor vacancy and so if there is anyone who may be interested in this position, they can contact our clerk of governors or chair of governors for more information.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hales

Dates for the Diary

30 th April	Inclusive Sport competition
5 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
7 th May	Orienteering competition
12 th May	KS2 SATS week
19 th May	Walk to School week – organised by the ECO council
23 rd May	End of Term
2 nd June	Professional Day – no children in school
3 rd June	Start of term
15 th – 18 th June	Year 6 PGL
25 th June	Sports Day
2 nd July	Year 6 AMVC move up day
14 th -16 th July	Year 5 residential
18 th July	Reports to parents
21 st July	Year 6 Leavers performance am
22 nd July	Thorney Abbey Service
23 rd July	End of term



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