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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term - the sun did thankfully put in an appearance towards the end of the week!

This term promises to be exciting but very busy. Please can I ask that you all keep an eye on information on this newsletter and Parentmail. There are lots of events planned for the children!

OPAL



Thank you to everyone who completed the OPAL survey this week (I apologise for the glitch!). Today has been our final audit for OPAL following 18 months of development of play in the school. It has been an exciting journey and the children have really enjoyed the resources and opportunities for play. Only this week we put out some large cardboard boxes, dressing up clothes and blue plastic large drums; the children have really enjoyed using them for different things and have

been so creative and imaginative with them. It has been fun watching them and seeing their enjoyment in play. We are proud to say that we have been awarded a **PLATINUM** award for our OPAL play. This is the highest award that can be gained so we are very, very proud! Thank you to all the staff who have been committed to the development of OPAL and to everyone who has donated loose parts for play. OPAL will not stop here; we will continue to develop play opportunities for all our children \bigcirc

Positive Relationships and Behaviour

We have introduced a reviewed positive relationships and behaviour policy to the children this week. The policy aims to:

- Provide a consistent approach to behaviour management and secure very positive relationships for all
- Define what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour, including bullying
- Outline how pupils are expected to behave and relate to others
- Summarise the roles and responsibilities of different people in the school community with regards to behaviour management
- Outline our system of incentives and consequences

It is important that you are aware of this policy so that you can work in partnership with us. The full policy has been sent to you today via Parentmail and it will also be available on our new school website when it goes live in the very near future (details to follow).

Classes for September

It is the time of year when everyone begins to think about their children's classes for September! All class information will be shared on July 3rd with you and the children will meet their teachers on that morning. Please be assured that we consider class groups very carefully using our knowledge of your children.

Talent Show

Our annual Cary's Got Talent will take place on July 12th. Please get your children to think about whether or not they want to audition and what their act will be. More information will be shared with the children in the coming weeks.

Eat Cary

Plant sale and coffee morning on Saturday 8th June 10am - 12 noon at the Market House. EatCary has grown loads of lovely veg and flower plants for you to take to your own gardens. We are also running a "grow a bean" activity for any children who come along. Yummy cakes and a raffle too!



Do you have toys that your little ones no longer play with??

Books they no longer read??

Toybox are holding a Table Top sale on Saturday 15th June, 9.30am – 12.00pm at The Market House

Tables are £10, all money raised goes to support Toybox.

To book a table speak to Lin or email tillinglaura@gmail.com

Set up 9-9.30. Tables are provided. No clothes rails please. Sellers to take away unsold items.



Key dates for your diary

10.6.24 Year 1 phonics screening week

11.6.24 PTFA meeting 7:30pm

13.6.24 Starting in Reception 2024 meeting 6:30pm

14.6 24 Year 1/2 Bugfest visitor

18.6.24 Reception vision screening

18.6.24 Cricket tournament at Ansford

24.6.24 Road Safety talks

26.6.24 KS2 Rounders at Ansford

28.6.24 INSET

1.7.24 INSET

2.7.24 Athletics tournament at Ansford

3.7.24 Reports come home

3.7.24 Parents evening

3.7.24 Transition morning (Year 6 transition day)

9.7.24 Y1 Athletics at Ansford

11.7.24 Year 6 sports day at Ansford

11.7.24 Okehampton Residential meeting 3:30pm (Year 5 currently)

12.7.24 Cary's Got Talent

15.7.24 Music concert

16.7.24 ACE Olympics at Exeter Stadium KS2

18.7.24 Year 6 performance

22.7.24 Sports Day at 9:30

22.7.24 Year 6 leaver's picnic

23.7.24 Year 6 Leaver's assembly 2pm

24.7.24 INSET



Starfish - Harvey Wells
Sea Otter - Chriselda Kazingizi
Turtle - Jake Haddleton
Octopus - Jack Hawkins
Dolphin - Cleo Gichie
Jellyfish - Minna Watts
Swordfish - Harry Long
Head teacher's award - Miles Kingham

Sarah Martin

