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Dear Parents and Carers,

Lots of our older children are having their Bikeability training this week, it’s a great thing to do to help the children learn how to be safe on their bikes. Thanks very much to Mrs Fahie in the office for arranging these sessions.

**Sun safety**

If the weather changes and we start to get some hot, sunny days, please make sure the children have a sun hat to wear outside and some sun cream if they need it.

**Caring for our school**

As part of our assembly programme this term, we are having a little session for 15 minutes next Monday where each class will care for an area of our school or grounds. They’ll do things like tidying the outdoor classroom, weeding the Peace Garden or tidying the books in the Library. They won’t use any cleaning products but might use a damp cloth to wipe play equipment or gym mats.  We hope they will feel proud to do something to help keep our school looking nice.

**A message from Shaftesbury Arts Centre**

Please contact them by email if you’d like to enter your child or offer yourself to help run this exciting new event.

*The Shaftesbury Arts Centre proposes to hold a competitive “Young Performers Festival” over the weekend 23/24 November with a concert in the afternoon on 30 November. All musical instruments and voice, including speech, will be included — within two age categories, Junior (4-11) and Senior (12-18).*

*If you have students — individual or in groups, for example choirs, who may be interested in participating, please register the interest with approximate numbers, instruments, standard and age range. Further, if you cannot enter students but would like to help with organising or adjudicating, kindly let us know that.*

*An entry fee of £5 for juniors and £10 for seniors is being suggested, and all competitors will receive helpful and positive feedback, with the winners, chosen on merit and/or effort, having the opportunity to play in the concert.*

*The project is intended to motivate and encourage young players, singers and actors, and we hope very much to enlist your support for it. Please register your interest to SYPF@shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk by May 1st. All comments and suggestions welcome! We are starting small but hope to grow! Final details will be given in due time once we know the level of interest.*

**Books for the book exchange**

Thank you very much to the parents who answered our appeal for more books for the book exchange by the main office. Many lovely books have been added to the shelves, do call in to take some books for your children if you’d like to.

**Forest School – Wednesday afternoons**

Year 5 have their second week of Forest School this Wednesday, followed by Reception for two weeks starting on 1st May, then Year 6 for 3 weeks from 15th May then Year 2 from 12th June for 2 weeks. The Year ends with Year 1 having 3 weeks from 26th June.

Children need to have trousers and long sleeved tops, wellies and a waterproof coat (with overtrousers if they have them). The Forest School philosophy is to wear the right clothing to go out in all weathers.

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

**TERM DATES 2023 – 2024**

Summer Term

Summer term starts                                       Monday 15th April 2024

May Day Bank Holiday                                Monday 6th May 2024

Summer half term                                          Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

Summer term ends                                        Friday 19th July 2024

Inset Day                                                       Monday 22nd July 2024

Inset Day                                                       Tuesday 23rd July 2024