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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term! I hope you’ve all had a nice time over Easter with your children, managing to get outside into the beautiful countryside around us. We look forward to a joyful term ahead, with plenty of great learning opportunities for our children outside in our school grounds and beyond.

**Covid Update**

The current advice to schools is that testing is no longer expected for children or staff. Children should stay off school if they are ill, as they would for other illnesses, but be in school if they are well. If families decide to use Covid tests, a child should be off for three days after a positive test (as long as they are well enough to be in school after that). The negative effects of long absences from school are now considered to out-weigh the risks of infectious children being in school. We will continue with our handwashing and sanitising to reduce the risks as much as we can.

**The Bee Musical**

Thanks to everyone involved in putting together the lovely Bee Musical which was performed in the last week of term. The children from Year 3 and 4 really enjoyed the experience.

**Ukrainian appeal**

At the end of the Spring term, we raised an amazing £259.67 for the Ukrainian refugee appeal. This included over £77 from the sale of bracelets by Seth, Neala and mum. Thanks also to Mrs Steele for helping all the children plant a sunflower on the day. I hope they are starting to grow at home.

**Social media**

Please be mindful of the dangers that children can face if they are allowed to use social media sites at home. Age restrictions are put in place for good reason. Please monitor your children’s online activity and ban them if needed!

**Forest School sessions**

Forest School sessions continue this week. Year 2 will be on Wednesday afternoon for their first session. Then Year 1 will have the next three weeks. After that it will be Year 5 followed by Year 6. Some children from Year 3 and 4 have been invited to the after school club that runs from 3.20-4.20pm on Wednesdays. Reception children also have sessions on Wednesdays, they go in half-class groups with some of our staff to Fontmell Down in the mornings.

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

**Summer Term**

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| Children start back | Monday 25 April 2022 |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 2 May 2022 (May Day Bank Holiday) |
| Summer half term | Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022 |
| INSET DAY | Monday 6 June 2022 |
| Summer term ends | Friday 22 July 2022 |
| Summer holidays | Monday 25 July 2022 to Wednesday 31 August 2022 |

**TERM DATES 2022 – 2023**

Autumn Term

Inset Day Thursday 1st September 2022

Inset Day Friday 2nd September 2022

Children start back Monday 5th September 2022

Autumn Half Term Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October 2022

Autumn term ends Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas Holidays Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term

Inset Day Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Children start back Wednesday 4th January 2023

Spring half term Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Spring Term ends Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term

Summer term starts Monday 17th April 2023

Summer half term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

Summer term ends Friday 21st July 2023

Summer holidays Monday 24th July to Thursday 31st August 2023