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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the summer term races by we already have much to share with you. This will be my last newsletter as Headteacher and I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all of your support over the past year during a period of significant change in terms of staffing and internal restructuring of our operating systems with increasing involvement from the Bridgwater College Trust. Hopefully you have seen a good degree of business as usual. It has been a unique experience and privilege to work with you and the children and I look forward to continuing to see the school grow as I resume my role as Deputy Head next year.

Careers Week 4th-8th June

Once again our Careers Week was a great success and a wonderful opportunity for the children to consider what career options are available to them and raise aspirations. We had visitors who spoke about being sports therapists, being in the Army, pharmacists, architects and work at EDF Hinckley Point C. Thank you to all the visitors who volunteered and took time out of their working week to share their experiences with the children.

Quad Kids Athletics events

On Tuesday 12th June 32 children from across the school and from each year group represented Hamp Academy in a range of Athletics events which included sprints, standing jumps, throwing and long distance races. We had 2 teams and both performed very well and all were extremely supportive of one another. We are delighted to say that the HAMP Harrier team have qualified for the county finals which will be held at Millfield School on 6th July. A terrific achievement.

Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award

For the first time we have been awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award for our PE provision.

Over the past 3 years we have been working hard to increase and improve our PE provision, raise the profile of PE in the local area and become more successful at local tournaments with other schools. This has seen an increase in our attendance at sporting events such as Cross-country, improved links with local clubs, having sports coaches and footballers in to develop the children's skills in a range of sports and increased participation of Sports and Play leaders who take ownership and leadership in promoting and developing PE activity in the school. This is a great achievement and I would like to thank the children, our PE coach, Shawn Sutton, and all the staff who have ran afterschool clubs and taken the time to support various different tournaments. Thanks also to parents who have supported the children in attending these events as well.



Year 6 Flip out trip in Wellington

The year 6 children had a fabulous time at Flip-out on Friday 15th June, jumping, twisting and trying to knock the staff off the beam with puggle sticks.



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Year 5 Trip to Holford and Kilve

Year 5 headed off to Holford to explore the upper course of the river to find the source and had lots of fun splashing and exploring along the way. Afterwards they had lunch at Kilve beach and explored the coast. This was linked to their topic work on Rivers.

Year 3 local walk

Year 3 visited the canal on Friday 15th as they tried to find the 'Wishing Fish' as an introduction to their new unit of work in English.

Future trips:

- Year 6 children will have headed off to Minehead on Monday for a week of adventure and team building activities.
- At the end of the year (19th and 20th July) the Year 6's will also be able to experience sailing at Durleigh reservoir
- Year 4 will be visiting the Somerset Museum at the beginning of July
- Year 3 and 4 children will be heading off to Great wood for a week of camping in lodges and exploring the woods and having lots of fun.
- Poetry Slam at Dillington – 4 children will be selected to represent the school at the annual Poetry Slam event where they will write and perform a poem of their choice in front of schools from across the county

Writing Moderation for Year 6

This year our school was selected to have our year 6 writing moderated by the local authority. This occurs approximately every 3-4 years to validate our judgements and ensure that they are consistent with national standards. Two moderators visited on Thursday 14th June and I am happy to say that after reviewing a range of books, they agreed with our assessments. Pleasingly, we have seen a very positive increase in the number of children achieving the higher standard of Greater Depth in our writing compared to last year, up from 12% to 23%. Well done to all the Year 6 children and the Year 6 team for their hard work and effort.

Warm Weather

We are expecting a very warm week this week so please ensure that children bring in sun-cream and hats as well as a labelled water bottle which they can drink from during the lessons and at breaktimes.



Balanced Pack Lunches

Thank you for working with us to ensure the children have a balanced and healthy packed lunch. We have definitely seen an improvement. Just to clarify, we don't allow crisps, sweets or chocolate bars at breaktimes. However, a small chocolate coated biscuit bar is allowed at lunch time if it is part of a balanced lunchbox although we would advise trying alternative options to provide a treat. This does not include large confectionary bars such as Mars or Double Deckers etc. which would be removed and returned at the end of the day.

Contact information



Recently we have had a number of instances where we have not been able to contact parents as the telephone numbers we hold on our system haven't been updated. This is essential, particularly if we have to contact you for an emergency, accident or illness. If you or family and friends have changed their numbers can you please advise us as soon as possible so that the information we hold is accurate. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.



School and PE uniform

A reminder that colourful socks and colourful jogging bottoms do not form part of the uniform policy. Black or navy jogging bottoms or shorts should be worn for PE with a white T-shirt. Equally, boots should not be worn and children will be asked to remove these and wear daps while in school, if this were to continue. As always, labelling your children's clothing, even with a biro, really helps to avoid items going missing.

Attached to this newsletter is the order form for Jual, our uniform supplier. If you'd like to place an order for uniform, please return the order form to the office by no later than Friday 29th June. Jual will contact you for a card payment directly. Alternatively, Jual are based at North Newton so you could pop in and purchase your uniform directly with them. They do also have an on line ordering service, www.jual.co.uk, uniform purchased on line will be delivered to your home address.

Staffing news

As mentioned previously, Miss Hitchings will be assuming the position of Headteacher from July 1st and will also be visiting every Friday for the remainder of June to get to know the school and parents. There will be an informal 'Meet the new Headteacher' meeting on the 5th of July at 3:30pm and all parents are welcome to attend.

I will be remaining at Hamp and will continue in his former role as Deputy Head. Likewise, Mrs Clutterbuck will also remain as Assistant Head.

Mr Plumbley

It is with great sadness that we announce the departure of Mr Plumbley at the end of the summer term. Mr Plumbley has contributed greatly to our school, particularly with his imaginative and creative art and DT lessons as well as making fantastic props for the year 6 productions. The staff will also miss his terrific cakes! Mr Plumbley will be taking up a position in a new school much closer to home and I would like to thank him for all of his generous contribution to school life during his time at Hamp. We wish him all the best in his new school.

Miss Riddler

We will also be saying farewell to one of our LSAs, Miss Riddler, as she will be taking on a new post working with younger children in KS1 at a new school in September. Again I would like to thank her for all of the hard work, enthusiasm and care that she has shown for the children here at Hamp and we wish her a very successful career as she works towards becoming a teacher.

Mrs Becky Davies

Huge congratulations to Becky Davies, our drama teacher, who is expecting her first baby in August and so will not be with us next year. Thank you Becky for all your hard work putting on the terrific performances for the children

Miss Lauren Davis

We will be welcoming a new member of staff, Lauren Davis, to the team next year as we continue to grow in classes and numbers. Lauren will join us for the Move-up day on Tuesday 3rd July and will be visiting regularly to get to know the children and routines of the school during that week.

Move up day 3rd July

New classes for next year have now been finalised and children will find out who their new teacher will be on the afternoon of Monday 2nd July. They will then go directly to these classrooms on the morning of Tuesday 3rd and spend the day with their new teacher.

School Disco

We have rearranged the date of the last school disco so that all children can attend. This will now take place on Tuesday 17th July. Tickets will be available to buy the week before.



Safeguarding

We wanted to make parents aware of something called 'County Lines' and 'Cuckooing', which is an increasingly serious issue in Somerset and potentially in our own local area.

County Lines:

This is where criminal gangs set up a drug dealing operation in a place outside their usual operating area, often from the city to smaller rural towns such as ours. These gangs sometimes recruit and exploit young children (as young as 10) to move drugs and money for them. We obviously want all of our children, not just here at Hamp, to be protected and safe in the local community. Some signs that a young person may be affected:

- Are they missing from school?
- Travelling to places away from home?
- Suddenly have more money, new clothes, new mobile phone?
- Receiving more calls/texts and being secretive about sharing their phone with you?
- Hanging out with someone/people who are much older and controlling?
- Seen in unknown cars?
- Do they seem scared or more reserved?

Cuckooing:

This when drug dealers take over the home of a vulnerable individual and use it as their base for selling/manufacturing drugs. Sometimes drug users are targets and offered free drugs in exchange or violent threats and intimidation are used to keep the vulnerable person compliant.

Key dates for the summer half term



Week 4 - 25.06.18 Year 6 Minehead Residential	
July	
Week 5 - 02.07.18 Year 6 Hestercombe Trip and Transition Days - Move-up	
Monday 2	Year 6 Hestercombe trip
Tuesday 3	Year 6 RBSC Move up day – New Year 3 transition day
Wednesday 4	Year 6 RBSC/secondary schools
Thursday 5	Year 2 over for sports morning Meet the New Headteacher parents meeting 3:20pm
Week 6 - 9.07.18 Great Wood residential Year 3 and 4	
Tuesday 10	Poetry Slam at Dillington House
Wednesday 11	M&M productions Yr 3 + 4 AM / Yr 5+6 PM (Charlotte's Webb) Year 4 (2 classes) Visiting Somerset Museum in Taunton
Thursday 12	Year 3 Refuse and Recycling workshop 9-12pm
Friday 13	Reports sent out to parents
Week 7 - 16.07.18	
Monday 16	Year 6 Drama Production 16:30pm
Tuesday 17	School disco 17:30pm
Week 8 - 23.07.18	
Monday 23	Awards assembly Drama Club production 16:30pm
Tuesday 24	Year 6 Leavers Presentation – AM to school and PM to parents

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Kind regards

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