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Dear Parents/Carers

We are drawing towards the end of another busy school year and it really has been a year of growth and development for us all! It has been lovely to see so many families joining us for our summer term events such as 'Potted Sports' Morning', Sports' Day, Oak and Willow FUDGE Afternoon and our School Association Summer Fayre! The children are always pleased to have the support and involvement from parents and other family members in school events.

I would like to say a special 'thank you' to all volunteers who have contributed to the successful year of fund-raising by our School Association. The commitment and dedication of our wonderful committee has exceeded all expectations and I, along with the staff and children, are so grateful for the time you have all given. We have already received many new resources for the children and will await further equipment in September! I hope that you all enjoy a well-deserved rest!

We are saying farewell to Laura Pickles, Oak Class Teacher, next Tuesday! I would like to thank Laura for her enthusiasm and dedication to our school during the past 3 years where her positive outlook has been much appreciated!

We are also saying goodbye to Duncan Williams, our Chair of Governors, who has dedicated many years to our school. Duncan has supported the staff and governors through some challenging times with a positive and calm approach at all times!

We are sorry to bid farewell to many families who have had a long association with the school. I would like to wish all of those families who will be leaving us all the very best for the future and hope you leave with many happy memories. I am very grateful for all of the support you have shown me during the first few years of my transition into Headship!

I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful family break during the summer and that the good weather continues into August! I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 5th September as Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th are training days for teaching staff.

There now follows further information.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Garner



Leavers' Service

We have our Leavers' Service in school on Monday 23rd July at 9.15am. We look forward to seeing many of you so we can give our fourth years a good send off. As last year all the children will be presented at the end of the service with a leaving gift which the School Association has kindly bought.

Parent Survey 2018

You will all be receiving a paper copy of our survey today in your child's book bag. I would really appreciate your views and comments to support the development of our school. Please return your questionnaire to the school office and our staff and governors will make good use of this information for future developments. We are especially keen to gather your views and comments about our mission statement and vision for the school as we will be reviewing this in the autumn term.

Uniform

Our school uniform continues to be provided by Oak Apple trading as Kitz UK. The deadline for ordering uniform in time for September is **Monday 17th August**. The website is:

www.kitzuk.co.uk/shop/

Termly Contributions

Please may we remind you to log into our School Gateway before the end of term to check that you do not have any outstanding contributions to make. Thank you for your support with these.

Eco Uniform

Our School Association have been organising our eco uniform so successfully that our stocks are rapidly depleting. We would ask if you have any good quality, unwanted uniform for us to sell could you bring it into school next Tuesday (24th) as a member of our School Association will be in the Family Support Room (opposite Oak Class) to receive it. Thank you for those who have already donated uniform this term.

Summer Reading Challenge

Next week Pippa Simpson and Julie May will be introducing the children to the National Library Summer Reading Challenge called, 'Mischiefs Makers'. We hope that as many children as possible will enjoy this opportunity to read during the summer holidays. All families should receive a leaflet about this by the end of term. Please visit Dorchester Library to sign up!

Future Dates

19 Jul	Thank you Afternoon - all parent and volunteer helpers welcome!
20 Jul	Jigsaw Assembly - Oak & Willow 9.00am - Parents welcome!
20 Jul	Strawberry Jam - Circus Workshops - Run by our School Association after school - all children should be accompanied by an adult.
23 Jul	Year 4 Leavers' Service -9.15am -School Hall
24 Jul	Last Day of Term
3 rd Sept	Inset Day
4 th Sept	Inset Day
5 th Sept	Return to school
22-26 Oct	Half Term
29 Oct	Inset Day