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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the Easter break and been able to make the most of the lovely spring weather as an opportunity to meet safely with family and friends. The children have returned happy and refreshed to school this week as some levels of normality return to their lives.

We will look forward to welcoming Miss Lauren Finney from Premier Sport to school this half term to teach PE to Ash and Linden Classes on Wednesday afternoons. She will also be running a 'Summer Games Multi-Sport Club' for **Year 4** children after school on Wednesdays starting next week, Wednesday 28th April. Please follow the link to book if you would like your child to join.

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/19786-687511/>

Thank you for all of the donations made towards the School Association's Artic Challenge, it was lovely to see so many families joining in and sending in your miles walked last half term! A fantastic £1,126.00 was raised to buy new chairs for our classrooms, thank you so much for all of our friends and families who supported this!



As I mentioned in my last newsletter, the Big Pedal is back from Monday 19th to Friday 30th April and is a UK wide event in order to encourage children to get cycling and scooting to school! This event is organised by the walking and cycling charity Sustrans who are keen to help as many people as possible catch up on some much needed two-wheeled fun, exercise and activity.



As part of this event we will be running a 'St George's Day - Bling your Bike' day on Friday 23rd April with bike and scooter parades around the playground! You could even 'bling your shoes' instead if are unable to scoot or cycle!

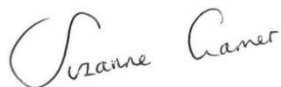
Please get involved if you can and we will hope for good, fine cycling weather! For more information on The Big Pedal and how you can get involved please visit the website www.bigpedal.org.uk.

We will be trialling a new IT system for parent consultations next month. These will be virtual sessions during the last 2 weeks of this half term where we hope that you will sign up to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss current learning and next steps. More information will follow regarding this in my next newsletter.



I hope that the government roadmap continues to develop as planned and that we can all look forward to fewer restrictions as we move into next month. In school, all safety measures continue to be in place to minimise risks for all in our school community and beyond. Thank you for your support in wearing face coverings whilst in our school grounds and maintaining good social distance at busy drop-off and collection times. There are more dates added to the calendar for the rest of the summer term which is detailed below, I hope that this will be useful for you.

Yours sincerely



Suzanne Garner

Future Dates:

19 th -30 th April Friday 23 rd April	The Big Pedal 'Bling your Bike/Scooter'
30 th April	Musicianship Programme - Year 4 Guitar lessons (every Friday until Friday 9 th July)
12 th May	Class Group Photographs
17 th - 28 th May	Virtual Parent Consultations
31 st May- 4 th June 2021	HALF TERM
16 th June	RE Day
1 st July	DASP Year 4 Transfer Day
11 th July	Charminster Family Fun Day - 12noon - 4pm
23 rd July	Break-up for Summer Holidays