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Dear parents/carers,

Whilst we now have access to emails in school, we continue to have issues with other applications such as Home Connect, which we use to email parents – thus the need for a somewhat old-fashioned paper letter.

It is with sadness that I share the news that 2 of our children in year 6 have lost a parent in the past week. Understandably, this may result in difficult conversations at home and your child seeking assurances. We will continue to support all the children affected by this in school. If you would like further advice or support, please call Winston's Wish 08088 020 021, who have been very supportive of the school. I am sure you will join us in sending love to the 2 families, who are continually in our thoughts and prayers.

Term Dates

Back in December, the school finished the term a day early, this was in part due to the rise in positive cases of Covid-19. Because this decision was made, it has resulted in us having to end the summer term a day later. The end of the school year will be **Monday 19th July** not Friday 16th July. We are hoping to have a fun last day together with games on the Rec and a relaxed atmosphere.

Terms dates for next year have been added to the school website.

As you all know, Step 4 of the roadmap has been delayed for several more weeks. This will impact on several school-based events in the coming weeks:

Transition for secondary schools

The Local Authority have advised schools not to hold transition days as it would result in our bubbles mixing with children from other bubbles before returning to Frittenden. As we find out what the secondary schools are planning, we will let children and parents know.

Sports Day.

We have taken the decision to delay this until September as it is just not viable with bubbles of children, sanitisation and keeping bubbles of parents in place.

Instead, we are proposing to have class picnic lunches, outside, with sporting activities with parent participation in the afternoons:

Potter Class Wednesday 7th July

Dahl Class Friday 9th July

Shakespeare Class Wednesday 14th July

Wells Class 16th July

Leavers Service.

After speaking to Rev. Pete, the leavers service will be held in the Church. It will be a service for year 6 to share their memories of being at Frittenden and celebrate their time here. We will be inviting Year 6 parents to join us. The service will take place at 2.30pm on Friday 16th July.

Shakespeare Class Production.

The children are very busy learning lines, making props, designing scenery and readying themselves for performing Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Due to current restrictions, we will not be able to invite everyone along to see it being performed live. We are hoping to either record or stream it. We would like to invite year 6 parents; however, this will be dependent on guidance going forward. There will be more details in the coming weeks.

Staffing

There will be some changes to staffing for next year. Mrs. Thomas will not be returning from her maternity leave: she has taken the decision to pause her career and look after her twin boys. We thank Miss Rose, who covered the maternity leave, for her dedication to the school over the past 16 months and wish her every success in the next steps of her career. Mrs. Farr is expecting her second baby and will be on maternity leave from September. We will be welcoming Mrs. Swindells, whose daughter is in year 3, who will be stepping into Mrs. Farr's shoes. Mrs. Swindells is an experienced teacher and has worked with us before.

	Class teachers	Teaching Assistants
Potter Class	Mrs. Swindells (Mon – Wed) Mrs. Bates (Thurs- Fri)	Mrs. Wootten
Year 1 / 2	Mrs. Chambers	Mrs. Pollard
Year 3 / 4	Mr. Price	Mrs. Jones Miss Jones (1:1)
Year 5 / 6	Mr. Hancock	Mrs. Sargent Mrs. Ayling (1:1) Mrs. Webb (1:1)

With best wishes and warm regards,



Ms. Nichola Costello