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Dear Parents/Carers

The last five weeks have been incredibly busy and the children have enjoyed many exciting events and activities.

Creative Arts Week: Creative Arts Week was held this week and pupils from Nursery to Year 5 took part in a number of wonderful, creative lessons linked to the theme of Global Diversity. Each class explored art from a different part of the world, including Australia, Japan, Africa, India, South America and Europe. The week provided a valuable opportunity for children to experience music, dance and art in a variety of forms, enriched by a number of special visitors to the school throughout the week, including Perform and Harlow Brass Band. The children demonstrated fantastic creativity, enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the week and produced some wonderful work that they were extremely proud of.

Sports Day: As you are aware, due to the heatwave, our Sports Day had to be moved to our Reserve Day on Tuesday 7th July. We will continue to watch the weather forecast closely and keep you updated on any changes.

Staffing: We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss Morris, Miss Lea and Mrs Bassett at the end of this term. I would like to thank them all for everything they have contributed to Mandeville during their time with us. It has been a pleasure to work alongside them, and we wish them every success in the future. We are delighted to welcome Miss Wood and Miss Adams to the teaching team in September, together with Mrs Nunn, who joins us as a Learning Support Assistant.

Parent/Carer Survey: Every year, we conduct a parent/carer survey as part of our ongoing self-evaluation practices and to enable you to share your experiences of your child's school life. These surveys are extremely important as they enable the whole school community to contribute to our ongoing evaluation and future development. Analysis of the survey findings provides an insight into the perceived strengths of the school and areas for improvement. This year, we are using a Google Form which asks you to respond to 10 statements and questions. The link can be found here:
<https://forms.gle/ivRhY3YW8nRFMiB6>

We appreciate that completing surveys may seem to be a somewhat onerous task but this survey can be completed in a matter of minutes. Please note the survey closes at 9am on Monday 20th July. Thank you for your help; it is truly appreciated.

Healthy Eating/Wellbeing: Please remember that we encourage healthy eating and ask that breaktime snacks consist of fruit and/or vegetables. As a reminder, the following website contains lots of useful information linked to staying healthy, feelings, illnesses, and how to get help. It includes many interactive games and activities for children, as well as advice for parents/carers.
<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk>

Friends of Mandeville PTA: A huge thank you to members of the PTA who have kindly organised the Summer Fayre which takes place on Saturday from 12-3pm. Many, many hours are given to provide this experience for our children and to raise funds for the school. We look forward to seeing you there!

Community Events: The July issue of the Sawbridgeworth Flyer is available to view via the following link:
<https://www.flyeronline.co.uk/the-sawbridgeworth-flyer-magazine-july-26/>
It includes a number of local events and activities that families may enjoy over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support throughout such a busy term. As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours faithfully

Miss Kara Hales
Headteacher

