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Dear Parents

The children in Class 2 have worked really hard this week completing all their assessments very sensibly. As I write this they are preparing for their "end of tests party"!

On Wednesday class two joined villagers at the Branscombe Project Coffee Morning. The Project's exhibition in October is going to have a World War 2 focus. When the children were studying The War as their topic in the autumn, they painted some pictures linked to quotes that people from the village had given them about war time Branscombe. These paintings were on display during the coffee morning and the children were able to see artefacts and talk to some of the villagers about their war times experiences.

Next week I have a number of meetings to attend and unfortunately won't be in school as much as I would like. If you have any problems that you need to discuss then Mrs Crawford and Mr Ford will of course be available, or speak to Nicola and she can contact me and I am happy to give you a call back.

We hope you have a lovely weekend. Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School. Key Dates - please note some of these dates are only provisional at this stage.

Monday 16th May - Years 3 & 4 Aquaskills. All children to be dropped at Sidmouth Pool at 9.30 and to bring a packed lunch.

Tuesday 17th May - After school Spanish club starts

Friday 20th May - Residential course for Year 5 & 6 pupils

Friday 27th May - last day of school before half term holiday.

Monday 6th June - Non - pupil day.

Tuesday 7th June - Return to school after half term holiday.

Wednesday 8th June - Class 2 Girls Kwik Cricket tournament (further details in due course).

Thursday 16th June - Church Service at St. Winifred's Church at 2.45pm. Parents Welcome. Children to be collected from the Church.

Tuesday 28th June - Class 2 visit to Seaton Marshes (further details in due course).

Saturday 2nd July - School Fete, 12 -3 at Branscombe Village Hall. Monday 4th July and Tuesday 5th July - Year 6 pupils to Sidmouth College.

Wednesday 6th July (provisional date) - New Parent meeting at 3.30pm. Wednesday 6th July - Class 2 Life Skills event (further details in due course).

Monday 11th July - Smugglers of Gold. Theatre event for whole school and local community at Branscombe Village Hall (further details in due course).

Tuesday 12th July - New Parent meeting at Sidmouth College for parents of those children moving to Sidmouth College next year.

Friday 15th July (provisional date) - End of year school play at Branscombe Village Hall.

Monday 18th July - Leavers' service at St Winifred's Church at 9.15am. All children to come to school first please. Parents Welcome.

Monday 18th July (provisional date) - 2.45pm. Transition meeting for parents of pupils in Year 2 who will be moving into Class 2 in September.

Monday 18th July (provisional date) - 3.15pm. Open evening for all parents.

Monday 22nd July - last day of summer term.

Ticks

There have been a couple of children bitten by Ticks recently. Now that the weather is nicer and the children are playing outside more, both at school and after school, please check your children regularly. There is a very good website that explains all about ticks at http://www.tickbitepreventionweek.org/index.html and there is a particularly good page that gives you details regarding tick removal http://www.tickbitepreventionweek.org/tick-removal.html Please note that some of the advice has changed from recent years. If you do not have access to the internet and would like us to print off this information for you, please ask Nicola in the office.

Church Services

There will be two church services at St Winifred's Church this term. The first will take place at 2.45pm on Thursday 16th June and the second will be the Leavers' Service, this will take place at 9.15am on Monday the 18th July. All parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend both services and stay for a coffee afterwards.

Children's Sunflower Competition

The Sidmouth Herald has linked up with Sidmouth Garden Centre for a "Tallest Sunflower" competition. See today's Sidmouth Herald for a voucher for the sunflower seeds. There is a chance for the children to win £50 for themselves and £50 for their school.

Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers

Thank you so much for all the vouchers that we have received. If you have any more at home or know anyone who has been collecting them for you, please can you bring them in next week as we are fast approaching the deadline. Also, if you have 5 minutes when you are dropping or collecting children then any help in counting the vouchers would be gratefully received.

Summer Fete

The Summer Fete will take place on Saturday 2nd July from 12 - 3 at Branscombe Village Hall. The PTFA are looking for people who may like have their own stall - at a cost of £10 per table, offers of help to man the PTFA stalls, as well as donations of raffle prizes, books and toys that are in good condition, or offers to bake cakes. The next meeting will be on May 27th after school (whilst football is on), venue and agenda to be confirmed.