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Dear Parents / Carers,

It seems to have been rather an eventful week with one thing and another but at least we have the long weekend to look forward to.

Phonics Meeting

Thanks to those of you who attended the meeting on Wednesday looking at the new phonics programme which has been introduced. We do hope that you found this beneficial and, as always, if you have any concerns, questions or queries about this, please do contact us.

Next Week...

It is a shorter week next week as a result of the May Bank Holiday on Monday and also the elections being held here on Thursday. School will therefore be fully closed on Monday and open only to Year Six on Thursday morning.

Children Walking to School

It is terrific to see our upper key stage two children developing their independence and walking to school unaccompanied by an adult. However, there are one or two caveats to that. Firstly, we do ask that parents and carers of children in Year Five inform us of this, especially in relation to walking home without an adult's accompaniment. Secondly, there have been two occasions this week where children have had a momentary lapse in applying their road safety knowledge and have either walked in the road as opposed to on the pavement or crossed the road without looking which caused me considerable alarm. Please could you remind your child / children about basic road safety in order that potential accidents can be prevented? Many thanks.

As an aside, we have welcomed the fire service in today to discuss road safety with the children also.

School Inspection

I am sure you will be aware that the school was last inspected by OFSTED in November 2017 so this week's visit has been in the pipeline for a while. Unfortunately, due to the nature and protocol of the process, we are unable to share the 'official outcome' until such a time that it is formally published. However, we feel that the process and judgements represent a fair reflection of our school and community.

Further to this, I must report that the fabulous behaviour and conduct of our children was identified very early on in the process providing me with the opportunity to enjoy yet another 'proud headteacher moment'. Coupled with the recognised commitment of our staff, this really did make me reflect upon how fortunate I am to work within such a community. Also, many thanks to those of you who shared their thoughts on the 'Parent View' portal and also their good wishes with us. Your kind words mean a lot.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours Sincerely,

Mr C Gibson