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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you enjoyed the long Bank Holiday Weekend, despite the weather!

We are well into the Summer Term and have already been so busy.

Beach school sessions are back and the classes that have been tell me they had a great time. All Key Stage One classes will have had two sessions each by half term and dates for the Reception classes have been set. Letters for class 5 and 6 parents will be sent out soon.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their **SCARF** workshops and loved meeting Harold again. Thank you to the parents who joined us in the Lifespace tent too. As promised at the workshop, here is the link to the SCARF website where you can find lots of information and activities to support your child's learning in PSHE. <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf>

Reception children went out for a walk around our locality to enhance the 'Understanding the World' early learning goal. They explored the local environment and compared the different types of homes people live in. Additionally, they had to navigate the roads around the school, enabling them to become more aware of road safety. They were all so well behaved and came back to school very excited to talk about what they had discovered.

Year 1 children had a wonderful time at Chelmsford Museum. They investigated artefacts from the Victorian era and even made butter. They loved it and were exceptionally respectful and responsible.

Children in **Year 2** have been working with Mr Hassan, who is a local first responder, to learn some basic first aid skills. It has been wonderful to see how engaged they have been with the programme and are keen to share some of the knowledge they gleaned.

Transition arrangements

We are already making plans for the new intake who will be joining us in September, as well as for the children moving up the school and into the Juniors. As soon as we have finalised the details you will be informed. Our transition process will enable the children to meet their new teacher(s) and spend some time in their new classroom before the end of term.

Parent Survey

Thank you to those of you who have completed the parent survey. We do value the good partnerships we have with families and it is always helpful to find out what you think of this school. I have kept the survey open to enable more of you to complete it, so that we can continue to improve and develop this school, for the benefit of all the children who attend. If you give your

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name at the end, you will be entered into a prize draw to receive a £20 Amazon voucher.
<https://forms.office.com/e/fnkVJJ7xs7>

Talk, Listen, Cuddle

TLC is an Essex campaign helping parents, carers and families give their young children the best start to life, developing their communication skills through playful learning at home. Although the website is aimed at families with children aged 0-5 years, it is well worth a look as many of the activities can be adapted for older children. <https://www.tlc-essex.info/>

... and finally

Please keep an eye out for emails regularly, as sometimes things happen that we need to let you know about at short notice. We do like to keep you informed of what is going on in school so please keep your inbox clear so you don't miss something important. It is also an idea to check your spam and/or junk mail box.

Yours sincerely



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