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Dear Parents,

Unlike some schools we were lucky enough to have a full complement of classroom staff and almost all the children safely in this country at the beginning of term. I am grateful to Sam Peake to stepping into Kate Meadows' role and keeping us clean and hygienic until the Tucknotts got home.

The date list for the Summer Term is attached. There will probably be additions later. Below are details of some activities in the next few weeks.

GOLDEN ASSEMBLIES

At the end of each week we hold a 'Golden Assembly' when we review the week and reward achievement. As usual we are inviting parents to come to one of these this term. Class 3 parents will be welcome on **this Friday**, 30th April at 2.50 pm. Class 2 parents at the same time on Friday 7th May; and Class 1 on Friday 14 May.

AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS SESSIONS

These started this week on Thursdays for those children who secured a place and have been informed. If your child was unlucky this time there will be a further course after the half-term break. Please complete the form below.

BRING AN ADULT TO SCHOOL DAY – THURSDAY 13TH MAY

Parents, grandparents, etc are welcome to spend an hour or so in school with their child, experiencing a 'normal' day in school.

BEAN COMPETITION AND PLANT SALE – WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY

Please could children bring their bean plants into school for measurement. There will also be some plants for sale grown by Green Club. If you have any spare vegetable or flower plants we would be grateful to receive them for sale. And please come along and buy.

START YOUR DAY WITH A HEALTHY MORNING BOOST – WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY

Juliet Grove, a nutritionist living in Shipham, is coming into school to show children and parents alternative ideas for starting the day with a good breakfast. There will be a display and tasters. Weather permitting, the event will be held outside and everyone is invited to stay on and join in our daily Wake and Shake session. A thoroughly good start! There will be an opportunity to give a small voluntary donation towards the cost.

CURRICULUM PLANS ARE ATTACHED

This term all classes are looking at the local area and other places around the world. We are also studying the environment and habitats. **There are plans to develop the school environment further including making some simple wooden 'dens'. Is there anyone out there more experienced in this area than any of us who would be willing to help young 'apprentices' to construct these? It would need to be during school hours but otherwise we could adapt timings to suit.**

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ON-LINE

Children's use of the internet within school is closely monitored and we are, this term, ensuring that children in all classes are familiar with basic safety rules. There is plenty of advice for parents online and I would recommend the Child Exploitation and On-line Protection site <http://www.ceop.gov.uk/> where there are also links to online safety activities for children between 5 and 7 and between 8 and 10. These are at <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>. There are also links from Fronter to these sites.

Yours,

A. Gwynn