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School Update

Dear Parents,

It has been great to see all of our children back together this week. I expect they will be rather tired now, with many having not been in school for so long! I haven't got too much to update you with, just a few bits and pieces.

Changing for Clubs

Monday sees the return of football and Tuesday netball for some older year groups as part of our wraparound care (so there should be no parents until the end of the session). For football, the children will still get changed in the usual way at the end of the school day into their football kits. The netballers will change into their uniform after netball club – unless they have PE on Tuesday.

We are looking to bring back some more clubs in the summer term.

Relationships, Sex Education and Health (RSHE) Policy

Please find attached this policy. Primary schools have to have in place a new statutory Relationships and Health Policy for the summer of 2021. These will then become statutory parts of the curriculum. Sex Education is not statutory and parents/carers do have the right to withdraw children from these units of work. The policy explains this further. We have traditionally always taught sex education at Garden Fields but are making some changes going forward. Again, please read the policy to find out what we are proposing. We are entering into a period of consultation with you before a full governors meeting in the final week of term. If you have any views about the policy that you would like us to consider then please email them to the school office by **12pm on Friday 19th March**.

Staff update

Last week I updated you with the news that Mrs Girdwood will sadly be leaving us. I can now confirm that Mr Benstead will be taking Kestrel class on Thursdays and Fridays over the summer term including a handover with Mrs Girdwood in the first week after the Easter holidays. Mr Benstead is a very experienced, excellent teacher who has covered a number of our classes over the last couple of years. We look forward to him joining our team for the summer.

Holiday Clubs

There will be some Easter holiday provision from Performing Herts and Apex Sports if anyone would like their child(ren) to attend. There is no Hub over the holidays. For more information please see the front page of our website.

Have a good weekend everyone!

Best wishes,

Mr Farrugia