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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a pleasure to meet our new Reception children and their parents/carers this week. From Monday they will be with us all day - so I hope that they have plenty of rest over the weekend before they join us full time!

Next week on Wednesday 15th September we have our *New to Reception* parents meeting in our Upper School Hall. This includes our PTA AGM which is a great opportunity to hear about the excellent work that our PTA do. Even over last year with lockdown and all the restrictions in place, they still managed to raise over £12,000! They are always grateful for new members too!

Afterwards, the Reception staff will take you down to the classrooms so that you can hear a bit more about the routines for the children as well as seeing the teaching environment itself.

It has been good to see rather more 'normality' in school this week including a range of clubs beginning as well as the return of school swimming! We have also arranged residential trips again for Year groups 4, 5 and 6 for the first time since the pandemic. More information will follow shortly in terms of payment plans, activities etc, but just so you have these in the diary the dates and destinations are:

Y4: Trip to Gilwell Park, Essex: -2 days (and one night) Thursday 12th – Friday 13th May, 2022

Y5: Trip to Bath, staying at the Youth Hostel: - 3 days (two nights) Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th May, 2022

Y6 Trip to Kingswood, Overstrand Hall, Cromer, Norfolk: - 5 days (four nights) Monday 27th June – Friday 1st July, 2022

We look forward to giving you more information about these trips soon!

Each year group will shortly be 'blogging' their curriculum presentations for the year. These will include information about topic, homework routines and other key information for the year. Please look out for a separate email from us with information about how you can log on to your child's blog for the year.

In today's assembly I spoke about the amazing achievements of Emma Raducanu to get to the U.S. tennis Open Final taking place tomorrow. Miss Palmer spoke about setting goals in assembly earlier in the week and I think that it is important that we share such inspirational stories as Emma's with the children as they think about their own goals/targets for the future. Not that we can all become world class tennis players – but it's the personal qualities that Emma Raducanu would have developed such as determination, that I asked the children to think about.

I hope that you have a good weekend – and if you're watching or listening to the tennis let's hope there is a final fairy-tale ending to the week!

With best wishes,

Mr Farrugia

