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Dear Parents

It was great to see so many parents joining their children for Sports Day this week. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did.

Congratulations to the following who were this week's Learners of the Week:

6BH	Cecily Vanderpere Brown	3RB	Lucas Araujo Madeira
6TH	Filip Krysiak/Harry Barnett	2BR	Lily Rose Robinson
5RM	Naveed Shorif	2RF/GM	Sophie Gorman
5NR	Joseph Thompson	1BI	Kaiden Smith
4LW	Ronnie Cutmore	1SH	Oliver Wigmore
4LR	Louis Belsham	RND	Evie Jelf
3SJ	Tobie Beedle	RLEB	Sid West

Additional Non Pupil Day in September

As you know, we are having an additional class of children in September. This means we are also having a new classroom (which KS2 children will go into) and some building work. As the sign off date for this building work is not until the beginning of September, we have been given an additional non pupil day on Wednesday 4th September. This means the children will return to school on **Thursday 5th September**. Whilst we appreciate that this may be difficult for parents in terms of childcare please appreciate that we cannot have children in the school until the site is safe. Please bear with us.

PTA Summer Fun Day

The PTA are getting ready for next weekend's Fun Day. Attached is some more information about the day. Please note that next Friday, 5th July, is a non-uniform day in exchange for an in-date bottle of your choice. This goes to our very popular bottle tombola stall at the Fun Day. Please remember that all raffle ticket stubs should be returned to the school together with the payment by next Friday.

Swimming

Here is the swimming timetable for next week:

TUESDAY	5NR, 5RM, 1BI, 2BR, 2RF/GM
WEDNESDAY	RND, RLEB, 1SH, 5RM, 5NR
THURSDAY	2BR, 2RF/GM, 3RB, RLEB, RND

Parking

We have received two complaints from nearby residents regarding the parking situation. Whilst we are all looking forward to the summer holidays and events at school leading up to the end of term please be mindful that this issue is ongoing and that you should be considerate of the local residents at all times. Here is a copy of the complaints:

"I walk past the school frequently as I live locally and whenever it is within 45 mins of pickup time notice a large proportion of waiting cars with engines running. I find this surprising as the children of these drivers are no doubt affected by the unnecessary reduction in air quality. While I know you have no jurisdiction outside the school gates I'm sure you could (and may have already) use your influence to discourage parents from polluting our environment unnecessarily. I was expecting to see a reduction in this behaviour as summer arrived but this has not been the case."

"I appreciate that there is only one way in and out from High Stile and that is via Stortford Road. Most parents are very aware of the difficulties involved in the manoeuvres although some of the 3 point turns I have witnessed would make even The Stig on Top Gear hold his breath.

Your recent efforts to stop parking near the school gates is admirable although a minority still flout the 'rules'.

However, I believe the school held a picnic afternoon today and obviously parking was difficult. It seems though, that some parents cannot be bothered to walk a few more yards in order to find a safe place to park. At that time of day there are plenty of spaces in High Fields yet some parents thought it easier to sling the back of their 4x4 on the pavement, across the top of Woodview Road with the other half of the car in High Fields. The same thing happened at the bottom of Woodview Road where it adjoins Springfields. It was extremely difficult to pull out of Woodview Road as the 4x4 completely blocked the view of oncoming cars.

Could I please ask you to remind parents that a few extra yards of safe parking costs minutes but could stop accidents."

Y6 Leavers Show

The Leavers Shows are on Monday 22nd July at 9.15am and 7.00pm. A little nearer the time each child will be sent home with 2 tickets for **each** performance and we will be asking for any unwanted tickets to be returned to school.

Library books

As we approach the end of the school year we will once again be looking to get all our library books back to school so that we can carry out our annual audit. Please therefore be aware of the following dates:

Friday 5th July – no new library books will be loaned to the children

Friday 12th July - all library books must be returned to the library by this date. The class who manage to return all their books first will receive a class prize from the library.

The only way we can continue to provide such a wonderful selection of books is if any lost books are replaced. We will be following up with phone calls and/or overdue email reminders in the last week of term. If you cannot find any overdue book at home we do ask that you pay £5 towards the cost of replacing it. This payment is available in the products section of your online account. If you have any queries both Mrs Wood and Mrs Whitehead are happy to discuss these. Thank you for your support in advance.

Events

Please find below the event calendar for next week:

Week commencing Monday 1st July	
MONDAY	Non-pupil day
TUESDAY	Y6 Parents evening at Forest Hall
WEDNESDAY	6BH Class Assembly CANCELLED – More information to follow
THURSDAY	Y5 Taster Day at HRS – Y5 parents will be emailed separately about this
THURSDAY	New Reception children meet the teacher sessions
FRIDAY	Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle
FRIDAY	Reports home
SATURDAY 12-3	PTA Summer Fun Day

Other events/news

There are a number of summer holiday activity camps taking place at Felsted Prep School over the summer holidays. Details are in the attached flyer.

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths