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Dear Parents,

We are now moving in to our final week of a tricky term. There will be a final newsletter at the end of next week.

**Year 4:** We were delighted to welcome our Year 4 class back after their isolation last week. After much anticipation, they participated brilliantly as a class in front of the whole school in their races and their results were added to the results from the previous weeks Sports Day. Congratulations go to **EASTCOMBE EAGLES** who were the winning house.



It was a shame that Year 4 missed out on the Wellbeing Week and I want to assure those Year 4 parents who made a voluntary contribution to the week that these are in the process of being refunded to you. We will be planning to give the current Year 4 class an opportunity to participate in some wellbeing activities in the Autumn Term. More information to follow in the new academic year.

**Wellbeing Week:** Speaking of the Wellbeing Week, I wanted to thank **Miss Sullivan** and **Mrs Hale** for all of their hard work in putting together such a fantastic week. The activities were wonderful and I wanted to thank those of you who have taken the time to send in your thanks to us.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of parental contributions and the loss we as a school have therefore incurred, I shall have to review whether we can run future events like this. There is still time for those of you who have not made a contribution to do so.

**PTA:** I think the plight of our Wellbeing Week once again reinforces how important it is to get behind our fantastic PTA. They have kept going throughout this difficult period and I know Year 6 parents will have been grateful for the contribution of £320 towards the cost of the Year 6 Camp Out. They have also agreed to put substantial funding towards musical instruments in school for next year which will really support our music curriculum.

You may have already heard that they are planning a fun fund raising activity for the end of term. They have communicated this through their facebook page and please expect more communication through this facility. This will allow information to be sent out quickly to parents rather than waiting for my bi-weekly newsletter. I am however delighted to share the details with you.

*"On Thursday 15th July we will be having a break the rules day to raise money for the PTA. See the attached poster for more details. Note that only the rules on the poster are to be broken!"*

I am also delighted to hear that the Bussage Bear Hunt 2021 is on!!



## ***"Bear Hunt 2021***

*This year's bear hunt will be **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1-5pm**, put the date in your diaries now!*

*The Bear Hunt committee this year is a group of Year One mums (Penny Starr, Fiona Wenger, Kelly Rigg, Katie Winchcombe, Gabby Webb and Jenny Reeves) who are all busy planning to make this event a great weekend, raising lots of money!*

*We need your help to make this a success, most importantly we need bears!! There will be a sign-up sheet out in the playgrounds **today at pick up**, please come and choose a bear to make. This could be a fun activity to stop the kids getting bored over the summer holidays!*

*We will also need volunteers on the day to man the various stalls and help the weekend run smoothly. If you are able to help on either/both days please email **bussageschoolbearhunt@hotmail.com***

*We are also looking for raffle prizes and sponsorship so if you or anyone you know are in a position to help with this please do get in touch!"*

**Euro 2021:** From bears to lions. Three to be exact. England will be taking on Italy at 8pm on Sunday night and I am mindful that many families will want to stay up and roar them on. With this in mind. After discussion with the staff, I am suggesting that Monday morning, we keep registration open until 10.00am. This might support any late nights (hopefully not too late).

Obviously school will be open at normal time for those who want and you should stick to the staggered starts. I shall keep both gates open and for those of you planning to come in a bit later, you should come to:

Courtyard – Reception, Year 1

Side door – Year 2

Class Doors – Year 3 and Year 4

Upper KS2 door – Year 5 and Year 6.

It would be great if we could all be in by 10am. Many thanks.

**Headlice:** every now and again I write to remind parents of headlice and our collective responsibility. Please continue to check your child's hair regularly and should you detect any unwanted visitors, please treat accordingly. Thank you for your support.

**Summer Challenges:** I have been so impressed with the amazing way the children have made progress since their return to school in March. Mainly due to the support you at home gave them and the hard work of the staff. We want to maintain the momentum and will therefore be inviting children to participate in class challenges over the summer term. They will be fun, educational as well as having a whole school focus on keeping those reading skills going during the break!

**Guidance:** I am currently ploughing through the latest School Guidance surrounding COVID. I am sure the biggest question parents will be asking will surround the start and end of the school day. As things stand, the 'bubble' arrangements will be at an end. Therefore the whole school will revert to normal times of 8.50am start and a 3.15pm finish. As you can imagine more information is likely to be sent to you during the course of the summer break.

Kind regards

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Head Teacher