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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a little quieter around school today – as Woodpeckers and Robins have been out of school, enjoying an educational visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park. The weather has been a little unsettled but i am sure they have had a great day.

Next week is the last week of this half term. It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of another school year – just one more term to go. It is our Arts Week next week and we have that Jubilee event to look forward to.

Arts Week

The theme of our Arts Week is 'The Jubilee'. That probably doesn't come as a surprise to you. The children will be busy making Jubilee related decorations, in preparation for Friday. Each class has been given the task of decorating their table. We will take photos and put them on the website so you can see the outcome of their work.

Jubilee Event

We will be holding our school Jubilee event on Friday 27th May. We will be having lunch – street party style. We plan to put our decorated lunch tables on the playground and have a traditional fish and chips lunch, with ice cream to follow (if the children are having a school lunch). They are welcome to have a packed lunch if they prefer. At 1.15pm we will all be making our way over to the recreation ground – where the Jubilee flag, designed by Annabel Sanders will be raised (at 1.30pm). All the children will have flags to wave. We believe somebody will be playing the bagpipes and we will probably sing the National Anthem. You are welcome to join us on the recreation ground for this occasion. We will then return to school for an afternoon of traditional games on our playground and field. Remember, the children don't need to wear school uniform that day. We want them to come to school dressed in red, white or blue. They can wear one of those colours or a mixture. Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us and we will have a lovely day. The build up to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations is feeling very exciting. I am sure many of you are looking forward to events in your local area. Longhope's celebrations are happening on Saturday the 4th June. I think there will be music, food and lots of laughter to mark this special occasion.

Rounders Match

On Tuesday 24th May, a group of Y6 pupils will be visiting Dene Magna for an after school friendly rounders event, involving two other schools. It is a long time since we have taken part in a rounders event with other schools.

Masjid E Noor Mosque

On Wednesday 25th May, Year 4 and Year 5 will be visiting the Masjid E Noor Mosque in Gloucester. The coach will be leaving school at about 9.00am and the children will be back in school by lunch time. The children will have a tour of the Mosque and should gain an insight into what it is like to live as a Muslim in Britain. The children will need to wear school uniform. There is no charge for this trip as the cost of this trip is covered by the school.

You may have noticed that we have had a lot of trips to religious buildings recently. At Hope Brook, we have a 4 year rolling programme of trips to religious buildings. At the moment, we are catching up with the visits the children have missed over the last couple of years.

Outdoor Learning

We would like to remind parents and carers about appropriate clothing for outdoor learning activities. Children should be wearing long trousers and long sleeved tops for these activities – to protect them from scratches, bites and sunburn. We recommend that children wear old clothes for their outside learning time as sessions can be a little messy. At the moment, we are having to adapt the outdoor learning activities due to the inappropriate clothing being worn by some children.

Sporting achievements

We have had some more success in the sporting arena this week. Our netball teams attended the district finals on Monday 16th May. Both our teams – Stingers and Bees qualified for the finals which was an achievement in itself. In the finals, both teams won their matches. Stingers won their match 8-0 and Bees won their match 5-0. Mrs James commented that there were some outstanding skills demonstrated by the children. Well done to both teams who have worked so hard this year, and a special thank you to Mrs James and Mrs Matthews who have coached the teams so superbly.

Katie Pugh – Gymnastics success

Congratulations to Katie Pugh who has demonstrated her supreme skills in gymnastics again. She is now the Gloucestershire Floor and Vault Champion for her age group. She achieved 1st place (Gold) in the vault competition and 2nd place (silver) in the floor competition. What a fantastic achievement, Katie. A video of her floor routine has been posted on the 'News' page of our website. Her tumbling skills are amazing.

The summer term is usually the favourite term for children with lots of fun experiences happening. There are more trips, the GPJ sporting events for KS2, the visits for children who will be joining the school in September, Sports Day, Y6 Induction days at the secondary schools, the KS2 performance (Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies) and of course the Leavers Service on the final day. There's lots to look forward to – so keep an eye on the school calendar – on the website. All the dates will also be outlined in next week's newsletter. Have a lovely weekend.

Stephanie Severn