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Dear Parents,

### **Issues with sending letters home**

Since half term and throughout this week, our website provider experienced some major technical problems. This has meant it has been very difficult, often impossible, to send letters out to parents. I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused, especially to the parents of children who applied for the Multi Skills Club, who received very little communication.

### **Message from the PA – “PA Ball”**

The Annual School Ball is coming up very shortly. Unfortunately, at the moment, we need another 5 tables to make this event possible. If you do want a table or want to go but do not have enough people for a table, please speak with either Sally Brashaw or Julia Beeton ASAP or, alternatively, leave your details in the school office and either Sally or Julia will be in touch with you.

Last year's ball was a fabulous night and this year's is set to be bigger and better. Please come along for a fantastic night out and support your child's school at the same time. All the money raised from the ball goes straight back into resources for the children.

### **Year 1 - History work on toys**

As part of our History work on old and new toys, we would like the children in Year 1 to bring in their favourite toy into school to discuss and write about. Please could children in 1MH bring their toys in on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. In 1KH, please could they bring them in on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**.

### **Year 1 - DT topic on playgrounds**

As part of our DT topic on playgrounds, we will be taking the children to a local playground to look at the different pieces of equipment and the materials they are made from. 1KH will be going on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. 1MH will be going on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**. Please ensure that children have a coat with them. It may also be worthwhile for the children to bring in a pair of trainers if their shoes are not suitable for the playground.

### **Choir**

There will be no choir on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. It will resume as normal the following week, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June.



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### **Year 4 - Severn Valley Railway Trip**

Further to the letter you received about our WW2 trip to the Severn Valley Railway, we would just like to update you with some further information. As stated in the previous letter, we would like the children to dress up as they did on WW2 day. The organisers have asked, **if possible**, if the children could all also have a replica of a gas mask box. We have attached a few ideas of how to make a gas mask box to this email, along with a template of a gas mask if the children wish to make this too. However, we understand that this may be difficult at such short notice. Today, we will be sending the children home with an identity card and an evacuee label that they do need to fill in and we would like them to attach this to themselves on the day. On an evacuee label, WW2 children used to write their destination (ours will be 'Highley'), date of evacuation, the city they came from, their name, address, date of birth and the school they attend in their home town. As part of the day, the children may have these checked by actors, playing the roles of WW2 ticket officers.

Please remember to send your child in on this day with a packed lunch and an appropriate coat in case of poor weather conditions. The children's lunch will be later than they are used to when they are at school and so, therefore, please could you also ensure that your child has a piece of fruit that they can eat mid-morning.

### **Year 4 - Play Parts and Costumes**

All of the children who expressed a wish to have a speaking part in the play have now been given a part and scripts have been handed out. Please support your child with learning their words as we hope to start rehearsals from next week. We have also put the associated songs on the website so that the children are able to practise what we have learnt in school at home. We have been reliably informed that some of these songs are also available on YouTube. In the coming weeks, we will be giving suggestions for costume ideas to your children. Any help with sourcing costumes from parents would be greatly appreciated.

### **Year 4 Sports Transition at Aston Fields - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Due to this event being cancelled previously, we are hoping that next week's date will go ahead. The children will be walking up to Aston Fields at around 12:45pm. They will need School PE kit, preferably trainers due to being on the field for some events. Please also ensure your child brings a water bottle and an appropriate coat.

### **Year 4 Art and DT**

In a few weeks' time, the children will be creating collages in Art. Please could you begin to collect any catalogues, newspapers, leaflets etc. that the children may use to create their collage.

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Bromsgrove Carnival - Children's Challenge Fun Run**

As part of Bromsgrove Carnival, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July there will be a Fun Run for children up to the age of 14 in aid of local charities – Primrose Hospice, the Basement Project, Midlands Air Ambulance and Libby Mae's Little Angels. The run has three age groups – Under 8s, 8s to 10s, and 11 to 14s. The Under 8s run one lap (about 800m) and the older children do two (about 1500m). Races start at 4.00pm and are entirely within the safe confines of Sanders Park, Bromsgrove. Everyone who finishes gets a proper medal and a big cheer as they cross the line. Last year, there were almost 200 children taking part. If mums and dads fancy a go too, then there is the annual Timberhonger 10k race, which starts just after the fun run. Entry to the Children's Challenge is £6. For an entry form and more information see the run website [www.timberhonger10k.co.uk](http://www.timberhonger10k.co.uk) or phone organizer, Mark Graham, on 07881 224699.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Evans  
Head Teacher



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