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Dear parent/carer

Staff Changes

I begin this Newsletter with some bittersweet news that Mr Bramley and Mrs Needham will be leaving Deer Park in the Summer. Mr Bramley, who has been here for 4 years has accepted a promotion to become a Leading Teacher at Spire Junior School in Chesterfield. Whilst I am sorry to see Mr Bramley leave, I think it demonstrates the progress he has made as a teacher during his time here. Mrs Needham currently works here at Deer Park for 2 days a week providing PPA cover. She is leaving us having been promoted to work for the County in her specialism as an Advisory Teacher of Visual Impairment. I am sure you will join me in wishing both staff members good luck and I would like to thank them both for their wonderful contributions to the education of children in their care here Deer Park over the past few years. We are currently seeking to replace both staff members and will keep you informed of progress in due course.

Sports Week

Our Sports Week has been a fantastic success this week and I know how much the children have enjoyed all of the activities. On Monday we had Britain's tallest man Paul Sturgess here in school. At 7 foot 8 inches Paul, who is a professional basketball player taught basketball skills to all of our children. Given that he has played for the Harlem Globetrotters I know the children were receiving some brilliant tuition. On Tuesday we had our annual Sports Day and I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents, grandparents and friends for making it such a super afternoon. There was a really supportive atmosphere and once again all of our children performed brilliantly. On Wednesday all of our children had a go at archery and on Thursday we were taught how to create healthy meals by George the Chef from Discovery Kitchens. We also had 30 children represent the school at a cricket tournament at the first of 6 sporting events booked in for the Summer Term. Thank you for all of your support with the change to events today. I am sure you will agree that we made the correct call as the weather took a turn for the worst. As I write, I have children in the hall completing a sports related circuit of activities to replace the Fun Run. All of the children today also met former pupils Rhys Yates and Andrew Smith who form a professional Rally driving team. Rhys brought his car and spent time with all of the children telling them about his progress towards being a World Champion.

PTA Summer Fair Friday 22nd June 3:30pm

Plans are well under way for the PTA Summer Fair. A letter detailing this exciting event was distributed on Monday, however if you missed it, the letter is available on the APP and the website. The popular Treasure Hunt is still taking place and entry forms will be available after the half-term break with the idea that you can complete the Treasure Hunt at anytime convenient to yourselves and your family before the closing date 18th June. We are also asking for donations of new items for your class hamper corresponding to the colour your class has been given. The hampers will be amongst the raffle prizes drawn on the night.

Governors Review and GDPR

I am sure that many of you are aware that GDPR is upon us all now. As we are currently putting together our Governors Review for this year we would request that if you do not want a photograph that may feature your child included within this publication, please let the school office know.

And finally...

I received wonderful news yesterday that our Junior Garden Project has been Highly Commended in the Better Energy School Awards 2018 Outdoor Project Award. We will receive a cheque for £100 which will go directly to continue the wonderful work that is taking place with this project. Can I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Weston-Taylor and her team and of course our brilliant Green Gang for their hard work.

Take care and have a wonderful half-term

S.K.Beardall
Headteacher

