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Dear parent/carer

PTA Summer Fair Friday 22nd June 3:30pm

Can I take this opportunity to thank everybody that attended the Summer Fair last Friday and helped make it a fantastic success. It was wonderful to see so many people there supporting the school. The hampers and children's enterprise products looked amazing and everybody joined in the activities making for a lovely atmosphere. A huge vote of thanks must go to the PTA for all of their hard work and to all of the children and teaching staff for helping out on the stalls and for creating the range of products on display. A list of all raffle prize winners is on the Office Window. Azura H won the Infant Welly Wanging, the Junior prize went to Bradley L and Mr Bettney launched the welly the furthest of the adults. The Class Hamper prize voted by the School Council went to the Red Hamper, so Mr Dowse's class will enjoy a non-uniform day and the Treasure Hunt was won by the Johnson family.

Music at Deer Park

Last week our Year 1 children gave a wonderful singing performance to their parents in the School Hall. I am sure that for those of you that were there, you will agree what a lovely afternoon our children gave us. On Wednesday our Year 5 children headed off to The Derby Arena to play with the Halle Orchestra. Once again it was a brilliant concert and the children played with a real passion and enthusiasm. Our Year 5 children will also be performing for their parents in the School Hall next Tuesday 3rd July at 2:30pm.

The Daily Mile and Forest Schools

You may be aware of a national initiative to encourage children to run a mile a day. From September we will have a track painted onto the Junior playground that all of the children will use on a daily basis in order for them to complete their mile. Further information about this will be made available shortly. In addition, from September we will be following a Forest Schools agenda with all of our children across the school. Commencing with our Reception Children in the first term, we have been asked to become a lead school across the country for the Forest Schools initiative which employs learning outside and as the name suggests, uses our local environment and natural resources. I am sure you will agree that both of these new and exciting additions to our curriculum will continue to enhance the learning for our children.

Pyjama/ Teddy Bear Day Friday 13th July

A couple of months ago a group of girls in Year 4 approached me about raising money for the charity Animals Asia that looks after animals on this continent, in particular bears that are kept in appalling conditions. The girls have created a wonderful assembly that they are delivering to all of our children next week. On Friday 13th July we would like all of the children in school to bring in a teddy bear for the day and in order to make it memorable and a bit of fun, we are allowing everyone to come dressed in their pyjamas or onesie for the day. We are asking for a £1 donation with the money going to this worthwhile cause.

And finally...

Can I take this opportunity to thank all of the children from Years 4, 5 and 6 who swam so well in the School Swimming Gala at Sharley Park on Tuesday. We made it through to each of the 14 finals and came home with either the Silver or Gold in each event. A truly remarkable performance meaning we took the overall Schools prize for the second year running. I was doubly pleased as we had a number of children in the squad for whom this was their first ever Swimming Gala and three of them have been asked to join Rykneld Swimming Club as a result of their performance at the gala.

Take care

S.K.Beardall
Headteacher

