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Dear Parents/Carers

I know it has been sometime since I have written to you. A lot of things have changed over recent months and I wanted to be certain I was giving you all the correct information.

### **Things to celebrate**

**Football** - For those of you who don't know, we have won the local school football tournament – The Kirby Shield. We are really proud of the team and all the other squad members who helped us to win – A.C.E.

**Science Club** – Congratulations to Mrs Collishaw's science club who won a CREST award in the Eco Tech Primary Challenge for their presentation at 3M in Loughborough

**Fund raising** – The school parliament raised £201 to support the Manchester Children's Hospital – a great achievement.

Furthermore, the school choir, musicians and FIJS (Friends of Ibstock Junior School) raised a massive £572 half of which will be donated towards the restoration of the church bells.

**New building** – Next Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June we will be officially opening the new classrooms at the back of the school. Parents and other members of the community are welcome to come and look around at the end of the school day. We will keep the building open for the first hour of the school fair so that working parents also get the chance to see the new rooms.

### **School fair: help wanted**

The FIJS are running the school fair again this year but need more parents to help them run some of the stalls. If any parents or grandparents would donate an hour of their time to help run a stall it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave your details at the office or visit the FIJS Facebook page.

**Spiritual, Moral, Social and Citizenship Education** – I am delighted that so many children have been able to learn about different cultures by attending the trips e.g to the Mosque, Gurdwara, Meditation Centre and Cathedral. We also had three local Muslim mums come into school today to talk to the children about Ramadan in assembly and then attend a question and answer session in Year 5.

**Classes for next year** – The class teachers for next year have now been arranged. We have increased the number of classes and also had some teachers move on which mean we also have four new teachers:

Year 3	Miss Barton
Year 3	Mr Hinsley
Year 3	Mr Robinson
Year 4	Mr Christie
Year 4	Miss Doyle
Year 5	Mrs Craig
Year 5	Miss Sharpe
Year 5	Mrs Watson
Year 6	Mrs Collishaw
Year 6	Miss Wilkinson

Additional intervention teaching: Mr Carte, Mr Lewin & Mrs Whitehouse

I always ask parents to approach me at this time of year if they have any concerns about the class or children their child is with next year. We always choose classes based on a variety of criteria e.g. abilities, boys/girls, SEN. Whilst we cannot make promises, we always try to accommodate parent's requests if we feel it will help a child's learning. Please make an appointment with the office if you need to see me.

**A reminder of dates from the diary:**

Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Saffron Lane – Area Sports
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y6 meditation centre visit
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Visit to the Women's World Cup Cricket
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Drayton Manor trip
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> /Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports day (AM) Weather permitting
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 visit to ICC
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day ( All years)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day 2 (Year 6 ICC only)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	ACE Award Assembly
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term

Yours sincerely

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