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Dear Parents & Carers,

As this half term comes to a close, there are a few notices I wanted to share with you...

Whole School Photograph Reminder: Don't forget that on Monday 4th June we will be having a whole school photograph taken in the playground (fingers crossed for good weather) as part of our 80th celebrations. The photograph will be taken between 9.00-10.00am. Parents with children in the afternoon Nursery are able to bring children for the photograph but must stay with them. A separate letter has been sent to Nursery parents. Don't forget smart school uniforms and happy smiles!

Y6 Entrepreneurs: They made some creative cupcakes and tasty fruit smoothie lollies for their recent pop up sale in the playground. Their stock was gone in a record 8 minutes and they raised £175! Watch out Lord Sugar, I think we found some new apprentices for you! They have two more sales planned for the next half term! More goodies to come!

Breakfast Club: Since we started our breakfast club, the school has subsidised this provision to help make it affordable for our families. The current £1.50 charge per day does not cover our staffing costs. It is with regret that I need to raise the cost of this provision in our school but need to do so in the face of increasing budget pressures. **From Monday 11th June, the daily cost of breakfast club will rise to £2 per day** and from September 2018 we will be charging £3 per day. I am staggering the rise in cost to support families as best we can. All our local primary schools have been charging £3 amount for quite some time. Do contact me through the school office if you wish to discuss this with me; I thank you for your understanding.

School Council Local Election Result – Pupil Voice in Action! The children were excited to discover the results of our very own local election; the stationery army received the highest votes with their persuasive campaign to allow children to bring their own pencil cases to school.

The School Council met this week to discuss how we introduce the result of pupil voice in a way that will not disrupt learning or cause issues at school. They themselves came up with a stationery code of conduct that they have told children they must follow if they wish to bring their own pencil case and stationery to school. You can read their mature ideas on the next page! From Monday 4th June, children **MAY** bring a pencil case and equipment to school should they wish, there will still be equipment for all children to access. The School Council and myself will then review how the next half term has worked to see what we do from September.

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If children choose to bring in their own equipment, they need to follow the code of conduct below...

Stationery Code of Conduct from the School Council...	What equipment might they need...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Items brought in from home MUST be clearly labelled• No expensive pencil cases• No swapping or trading equipment• No permanent markers allowed• No calculators• Rubbers are NOT needed as we cross out at OGPS• No compasses or scissors• No felt tip pens or gel pens• No pink or green highlighters as staff use these• Pencil cases MUST be left in classrooms• No toys hanging off or inside pencil cases• Children should NOT ask to borrow equipment from each other• No stealing!• If you are being distracted by your pencil case an adult will confiscate it!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pencils to write and draw• Colour pencils• Ruler 15cm size is ideal• Sharpener• Blue handwriting pen IF they have received their PEN LICENCE!• Glue stick

School Councillors have already spoken to their classes to share the rules and will make sure that there are posters up in classrooms to remind children of the code to follow.

To reassure you, there will be equipment for all children to access to help complete their learning, no child will be left without resources if they do not bring things in from home or if parents do not wish them to bring them in.

And Finally: As this is Mrs Jacklin's last day, I wanted to take the opportunity to record our thanks to her for her dedication and commitment to the school over the last twelve years. She has made a real impact in the lives of so many children and staff; she will be missed very much.

I hope you have a great half term. Stay safe and have fun! See you on Monday 4th June with the soft start from 8.40am.

Yours sincerely,
Mr James Simmons
Headteacher

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