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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write it feels like the end of term is speeding towards us. Whilst we have been blessed with some amazing weather, it has made us re-schedule some of our events. We do apologise for the inconvenience that this has caused, but we are mindful of the effect of heat on all members of the school and their families and must heed advice from WSCC to ensure we are as best protected as we can be.

We are looking forward to a wonderful sports day tomorrow and have a fantastic team of volunteers ready to put up the gazebos for us.

We will update you should there be any change to the schedule of events for next week.

Staffing Update

We are sad to share with you the news that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Kelsey at the end of this term. She has been offered an exciting opportunity at Shoreham College as an HLTA within their Early Years setting.

We are certain that you will join us in expressing our heartfelt thanks for Miss Kelsey's expertise, commitment and resourcefulness since she joined us, initially on a work placement and then a volunteer before securing the position of Teaching Assistant in January 2018. She has been a kind, fair and adaptable member of the Ashurst team and has strived to improve and further her professional development throughout her time with us. We will all miss her.

We are currently recruiting for the post which she leaves and hope to appoint before the start of the next academic year

(further details can be found at westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs).

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

It was wonderful to be able to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 24th June with so many friends and families. It was a truly joyous afternoon and we made many memories together. Thank you to all of you who were able to attend and were so helpful in setting up and dismantling at speed in the slight drizzle. Thank you too to FAPS for organising such a lovely array of refreshments.

Lancing College Leavers Assembly

We attended a lovely service at Lancing College with our seven Y6 girls and their families on Monday 4^{th} July. The singing was beautiful and our readers and cross/banner bearers made

us all very proud. To the delight of the children and their families, we were joined by Mrs Williams, not just for the service, but for lunch afterwards and we'all had a jolly good time!

Covid Update

Just to remind you the measures for managing COVID-19 in schools has been updated and the guidance is now as follows:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days.

School Website

http://www.ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk

The school website is updated regularly and is where the most up-to-date information can be found including: Newsletters, OFSTED and SIAMS reports, PE/Sports Funding statements, Pupil Premium and Local Offer statements and School Policies. You can also find our Twitter feed with lots of photographs there too!

Safeguarding

As always, should you have any concerns regarding your child/children, please contact the school as soon as possible, in order that matters may be quickly and effectively resolved. Should you have any Safeguarding concerns please contact the DSL team Mrs Smith, Mrs Hedley or Mrs Sansbury direct or via DSL@ashurstcofe-pri.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Thank you all once again for your support and we hope you enjoy a well-earned summer break. We are pleased to announce that we return for the new academic year on Thursday $1^{\rm st}$ September.

Kindest regards,

Mrs S Smith Headteacher