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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to the start of the Summer term.

First of all we start with some good news regarding the school building. Our application for funding to replace the flat-roofed extensions at either end of the upper building and above the room used for out of hours club in the lower building has been approved. Work is scheduled to take place during the Summer. Once this is completed we will look at the internal refurbishment of the main reception and toilet area, cloakroom and toilets in the upper and lower buildings.

Next, I am pleased to say that the children have settled well and I have been particularly pleased with the manner in which the Y3/4/5 pupils have approached their new classes. I am sure this will continue and would take the opportunity to remind you that we have several parents' activities planned to allow you to see how things are going generally and to find out about how your child is progressing.

Next, we continue to tussle with our budget for the remainder of this year and in to 2016/17 however as each week passes the picture is improving. To this end, although it is by no means certain, we hope to have some good news regarding class organisation for next year by half-term.

We are approaching a key assessment period now, especially for Y1 with their phonics screening, Y2 with their statutory assessment and Y6 with SATs. You can help us by ensuring the children are well-rested in the evening, particularly during SATs week and that they continue their reading and times tables practice on a daily basis.

Looking ahead, a reminder that during week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> May school will be closed on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> for the bank holiday and also on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> for local elections as we are being used as a polling station.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Tomlinson