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Dear Families,

We are committed to improving all provision, including lunchtimes for our children. We have developed them with Mrs Bradley in particular, moving them forward. We have a range of activities on offer each day and have developed our 'Calm Zone' where children have been enjoying transient art, drawing and making 'pom poms'. This has already increased pupil engagement and hopefully provides something to keep everyone busy and happy. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying a range of activities each day.

Hopefully, the good weather will return, so please ensure children have hats, water and sun cream applied. Local authority guidance states that sun cream should be applied before coming to school following manufacturer's guidelines.

As you are aware, the safety of our pupils is our collective priority. To ensure every child is protected, I must remind all families of the supervision requirements before the start of the school day.

As a reminder of our established school policy:

- The 8:40 am bell: The school day begins at 8:40am. When the bell sounds, children go directly into their classrooms to begin their morning transition where the staff meet them on the door.
- No Staff on duty: As you know, the school does not provide staff supervision on the playground or school grounds prior to the 8:40am bell. The gates do open at 8.30am for children accompanied by an adult.
- Supervision responsibility: Until the bell rings and children enter the building, they must remain under the direct supervision of a parent or a responsible adult.

Next week, sees national SATS testing week for our year 6 pupils and the following week optional SATs for children in year 2. We will be providing a breakfast club free of charge to the year 6 pupils from 8.30am. We wish the children all the very best of luck and we ask that they arrive to school punctually and well rested to be able to give of their very best.

The PTA tuck shop on Friday was a huge success, proving extremely busy. The PTA have a number of up and coming dates and I again extend a huge thank you for the hard work from its members. The support it provides makes a huge difference to St Mary's and is greatly appreciated. This is extended to the families who continue to support their events.

Save the date: The Summer Fair – Thursday 23rd. July.

If you wish to be involved please email: stmarysreddishpta@gmail.com

In Thursday's assembly the children were introduced to Lina, our mental health practitioner, who will be a regular fixture here at St Mary's. She will offer 1:1 and group support to pupils and parents, needing support with worry, anxiety or low mood. She will be supporting school with wellbeing initiatives, including workshops and assemblies. If you would like information regarding this please speak to Mrs Grant or Mrs Moran.

Our PSHE topic next half term is, 'Changing Me' (this is our SRE curriculum). The content of this is detailed on our website under curriculum overviews. If you have any questions regarding this please speak to me or your child's class teacher.

Please note class assemblies will begin again next half term. The date of the Reception class assembly has changed to **Thursday 11th June at 9am** due to a whole school performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' on Friday 12th June.

Friday 22nd May is our Maths Parents Morning, 9-10am and it would be wonderful to welcome as many of our families into school as are able. There will be no celebration assembly on this date.

Year 6 will be enjoying their well-earned residential at Gulliver's Theme park, so will obviously not take part.

Finally, we have collected a huge amount of lost property. This will be outside the reception gate both before and after school this week. Please look at the items and take anything your child may have misplaced. It would be really helpful if all your child's items could be clearly labelled with their name. Any items left by Friday will be donated to charity.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding anything written in this letter please come and speak to me or your child's class teacher and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

"Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Colossians 3:17

With the warmest wishes,

Mrs Faryniarz