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Dear Families,

We have seen some lovely sunshine this week which has added additional joy to our new lunchtime arrangements. We are committed to improving lunchtimes for the children and have been considering how best to do this for some time. This week we have begun lunchtimes 'zones' with a range of activities to improve both physical activity and pupil engagement. This has got off to a fabulous start and it has been wonderful to see the children having such fun with a different range of activities each day. The new year 5 playground leaders are doing an outstanding job organising activity for our younger children.

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

Unfortunately, Mr Moores, parents and residents have again voiced their concerns regarding the continued parking and congestion issue on Broomfield Drive. As you know we are a School Street which means Broomfield Drive should not be used between the designated times. I ask again that our whole school community support us in not parking on Broomfield Drive for our children's health and safety.

Next week sees national SATS testing week for our year 6 pupils and 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.

Next week 13th – 17th May is also Christian Aid week. The Eco council have chosen as one of their topics this year 'Global Development.' Christian Aid's campaign against poverty and for climate justice across the world exemplifies this topic brilliantly. The Eco council will be leading the whole school in finding out about the issues facing communities across the world, focusing on these people in our worship and acting by fundraising for Christian Aid. We will finish the week with a non-uniform day to raise money to donate to Christian Aid's work. Come and join us for a celebration of this work on Friday 17th at 9am.

We are still collecting donations of old clothes and 'bric-a-brac' to raise money for school funds. We have already had many generous donations from you all and if you'd like to donate it would be greatly appreciated. The final collection date will be on Friday 24th May. Additionally, a huge thank you for the reception donations that many of you made. The items were outstanding and they are already being utilised by our children.

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 I will be holding an information session on Monday 20th May at 3pm in the school hall.

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Finally, a reminder: Tuesday 21st May is our E-Safety Parents Morning 9-10am. E-Safety at a simple level means being safe on the internet. The pace at which technology is evolving can make it difficult to know how to keep our children safe and we will aim to give some practical support with this. This event will begin with an assembly at 9am and then you are able to go into class with the children at 9.30 to complete a range of activities.

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.

Have a wonderful weekend in the sunshine with the warmest wishes,

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**Is as the light of the morning when the sun rises, A morning without clouds,
When the tender grass springs out of the earth, Through sunshine after rain.'**

Mrs Faryniarz