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“Live, Love and Learn Together”

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Dear Parents

### Ofsted Update from Chris Addis (Chair of Governors)

The second meeting of the ESG (Enhanced support Group) took place at school on the 16<sup>th</sup> May. You will remember that this independently chaired group was set up by CAST, after the recent OFSTED report, to assist the school in its move to go from Requires Improvement to Good or better.

The meeting was very positive with some encouraging reports of good outcomes in performance. One important aspect of the ESG is that all data has to be Quality Assured against benchmarks and a series of KPI's (Key Performance Indicators) are in place to measure progress.

The independent Chair, Helen Williams (National Leadership in Education) said there was 'Real and Measurable, progress'. Her comments reflect the very proactive engagement of the whole school team in stepping forward to understand and address the issue.

### SATs Week

A big well done to all our Year 6 pupils! They worked so hard last week with their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs), as have Mrs Haylock, Mr Farnham and Mrs Stork. We hope you all enjoyed your day at Freshwater last Friday.

### Kenway Cup

Commiserations to our Kenway cup team, losing 3 - 0 against Charmouth Primary School last Thursday in the quarter finals. Well done to the team for getting through to the quarter finals and thank you to Mr Toohill and Mr Bartlett for coaching the team. The team also got through to the final of the Colfox World Cup but lost on penalties 4-3.

### Bag2School

We raised a total of £88.00. Thank you for your contributions.

### School Blogs Reminder

Each class now has their own Blog to report class information. You can go onto our school website and take a look at what the children have been writing. Please feel free to make your own comments.

### Fidget Spinners

Please note, no fidget spinners or toys to be brought into school. The children already have lots of playtime equipment to use at school.

### Book Fair

We are holding our annual Book Fair in school, week commencing **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. The Book Fair is open after school on Monday through to Thursday. Please do support this as it helps us to fund new books for our school. We are seeking volunteers to help sell the books at the end of each school day. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

### Arts Project Week

Parents are invited to come in and see the amazing art work created by the children throughout the week on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 2.30pm** in the school hall. Refreshments will be on sale.

### Swimming

Whole school swimming will start on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** after the half term holiday. Details to follow next week.

### Year 3 – Open Afternoon

Year 3 will be holding their Open Afternoon on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 2.30pm**. Parents and carers are very welcome to come and have a look at the children's work.

### Inter-School Skipping Competition

There will be a skipping competition in school on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**. Money raised will go towards British Heart Foundation and school equipment. Children are asked to pay £1.00 entry.

Thank you for your continued support  
Yours truly



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