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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 6; as this Summer Term is packed with events and activities, I thought I would give you a preview of what lies ahead in this very busy final term of Year 5 - where did that time go?!

Our theme for this term is 'Exploring our local area', as explained in the half-term homework - given out at the end of Term 5. This is a super topic to complete Year 5 as we are able to take advantage of the summer weather (hopefully!) and spend some of our time learning outside. The children will be developing their geographical skills by exploring our local environment in a variety of ways; they will be comparing and researching key features of our area as well as identifying the key attractions. We will also be comparing our semi-rural coastal surroundings with various urban areas around the country.

On Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd June your child will be taking some optional Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). Although they should not worry too much about these tests they are important, because they enable us to assess the 'level' your child is working at in two of the core subjects: English and Mathematics, therefore please try to ensure that they are present this week. The children have already taken verbal and non-verbal reasoning tests, which give an indication of their abilities in these areas - particularly important if you wish your child to take the 'Kent Test' at the beginning of Year 6.

On the theme of secondary transfer, I will be holding an after school meeting this Thursday, 8th June, to explain the transition process. You have already had a leaflet about this but if you would like to attend, I will go through the process of applying for the Kent Test (if you wish your child to take it) and following that, applying for the secondary school you wish your child to go to. I will also be giving out the verbal and non-verbal reasoning test scores.

Our Science topic for this term is 'Animals, including humans' which describe the changes as humans develop from birth to old age. This topic also includes part of the 'Sex and Relationship Education'. Some of you came along to the showing of the DVDs that we will be using; Mrs Bowles and I have discussed which sections we will be teaching in each year group. This term I will be covering: Physical changes at puberty, including periods, and emotional changes - particularly about feeling positive during puberty. The children will also be learning about loss; including separation, divorce and bereavement. Finally, I will be covering a unit on friendship.

As you already know, we also have our trip to Rippledown Environmental Centre organised for Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th June. Many of you have already paid for the trip, however, if you haven't yet done so please give in your outstanding balance by the end of this week, as we have already received the invoice for payment from Rippledown.

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times this term as we often take the opportunity to practise for Sports Day, outside the timetabled games lessons, when the weather allows.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about anything to do with your child please do not hesitate to contact me, either by letter or in person to make an appointment to see me at a mutually convenient time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Warner

