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Dear Parent/Carer,

Class 1 have been for a visit to Little Gems on Thursday morning. It is good to build links with them and to see many of the children who will be starting with us in the autumn. We do still have a small number of places for first time admissions if you know of anyone due to start school who has not received a place they are happy with.

Preparations for the Street Party on Friday afternoon are well in hand. The PFTA would like the children to dress in royal themed or red, white and blue clothes for a £1 donation. I am delighted that the commemorative mugs have arrived having had an extremely quick turnaround.

The governors met last night. As part of their many discussions, children bringing mobile phones to school was discussed. The governors could not see the need for children to have mobile phones in school and felt it was incompatible with our policy on smart watches. Consideration was also given to how most secondary schools view mobile phones and do not permit them. Any mobile phone brought to school will be taken to the office and may be collected from there after school. School will take no responsible for any mobiles brought to school. Any messages for children can be sent to the office hence there is no need for mobiles to be brought to school.

The third instalment of £54 is due on Tuesday 2nd May for those paying in five instalments for the Min Y don trip. Please send payment to the office.

You will find the PFTA have sent out information about a Summer Fayre and an informative newsletter.

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Yours sincerely

Gavin Beetham

Provisional Dates

Half Term- 27th May – 4th June

Bank Holidays – 1st May and 8th May 5th May – Coronation Street Party/Non Uniform Day 9th- 12th May – KS2 SATs tests (Year 6) 18th May – PFTA Sponsored Event 15th May – KS1 SATs (Year 2)

12th June – Start of Phonics Week 27th and 28th June – KS2 Production 4th July – Sports Day 7th July – School Trips (funded by the school) 11th July – Leavers Tea 12th July Leavers Assembly (am)

5th June- Multiplication Check (Year 4)

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Term dates 2022/2023

Spring Term

Schools open: Tuesday 3 January 2023

Half term break: Monday 20 to Friday 24 February 2023

Schools close: Friday 31 March 2023

Summer Term

Schools open: Monday 17 April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2023

Half term break: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023

Schools close: Wednesday 12 July 2023

Autumn Term 2023 starts on Tuesday 29th August 2023