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Dear families,

Happy Friday everyone!

What a wonderful week we've had in school celebrating with our annual Beach Party Week. The children have had a smashing time in our little all-inclusive resort of 'Knotty Ash-on-Sea': Punch and Judy, donkey rides, a bouncy castle, ice creams, fish and chips. A true British seaside experience, including the weather! We didn't have the opportunity to get out the paddling pools this week so children will leave their swimming costumes in school and we will try again next week.

In previous years, we have charged for Beach Party. This year, I wanted to celebrate the end of my first year of headship in style, but also recognise that the school trip to Windmill Farm was expensive at a time of cost pressures on families. I hope this small gesture goes some way to expressing my gratitude for all your support this year.

A few notices for the final week of term...

Sun Safety

Children must have **a sun hat** in school. Please make sure your child's sun hat is labelled clearly with their name. Please apply sun cream to exposed areas of children's skin **before they come to school**, especially arms, legs and faces.

Car Park closed

We will continue to access the school via the **main entrance (front door)** for all classes until the end of the school year.

School Reports

You will have received your child's school report this week. I hope you have enjoyed reading about how wonderful they are and the progress they have made. Can I ask kindly that you return your **parent reply form** to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

Returning Children

I will send a letter out next week to parents of returning children with the arrangements for the new school term in September.

Parent Meetings

A reminder that parent meetings for school leavers will take place on **Monday 15th July and Tuesday 16th July**. You can request a telephone or face to face appointment. These appointments are around ten minutes and will provide an opportunity to talk over your child's school report. If you requested a telephone appointment, school number may appear as "withheld/unknown caller". Our teachers will endeavour to keep to your allotted time, but please be mindful that appointments may overrun.

Little Owl's Lending Library

As this is the end of the school year, please return all library books as soon as possible.



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End of Year Ceremonies – Friday 19th July

Please come along with your child at the following times:

- Children who are returning to us next year will come along with their parents at **9:00am on Friday 19th July** for their end of year celebration ceremony.
- Children who are leaving us this year will come along at **10:30am on Friday 19th July** for Graduation.
- Children in our Nurture Base – please speak to Nurture Base staff about arrangements for your child.

Owing to the large numbers and limited capacity, we will need to limit places at these events to **2 adults per child**.

Owing to limited space indoors, please be aware that the end of year ceremonies will take place outdoors. We will endeavour to provide shelter for children and guests, but we cannot guarantee that you will all stay dry on the day, so please be prepared for rain. In the event of heavy rain, our plan is to shorten the ceremonies so that the children are outdoors for less time.

Return to school in September:

We look forward to welcoming back our returning children on **Monday 2nd September**. During the first week, there will be some changes that will support the children's return to school after the long break. The plan for the first week is as follows:

Monday 2 nd September	All children attend school 8.30am – 11.30am	No breakfast or After school club
Tuesday 3 rd September	All children attend school 8.30am – 11.30am Stay and Play / Meet the Teacher Session Parents are welcome to come along and have a chat with their child's teacher and class team at 8.30am	No breakfast or After school club
Wednesday 4 th September	All children attend school 8.30am – 11.30am	No breakfast or After school club
Thursday 5 th September	Children attend for their normal agreed hours	Wraparound open
Friday 6 th September	Children attend for their normal agreed hours	Wraparound open

Please note that the full day/normal day of school for children is Thursday 18th July, except for **after school club, which is closed on Thursday 18th July** (as advised in previous newsletters).

This is my final newsletter of this school year. May I take the opportunity to thank you all for your phenomenal support. It has been the privilege of my life to lead our school community and I do hope that you feel that our school team have made a difference to your child's first experience of school.

Together with my amazing staff team, I look forward to celebrating the end of a wonderful year at our ceremonies next Friday.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend!

With very best wishes,

Mr Craig A Bolton
Headteacher



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