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Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for the fantastic support at Sports Day on Wednesday. We all had a great time as a school and hope that you enjoyed the afternoon as much from your vantage points on the bank. Well done again to the Yellow team, the Falcons. It seems it is going to be some challenge for the other teams to knock them off their perch!

Last Day of Term

As you will all be aware, over the Summer Holidays, the landing area is being renovated so that it can house our IT equipment from our ICT suite. This is because the ICT suite room will be needed for the year 1s in September, as it has a very useful outside area that can be converted for outdoor learning. By relocating the year 1s, we will be able to use the two classrooms at the front of the school as our two Reception classes.

To make best use of this opportunity, we will also be relocating several year groups to new rooms. The current year 5 classroom will be overtaken by the year 2s, the current year 6 classroom by the year 3s, the current year 3 classroom by the year 5s and the current year 2 classroom by the year 6s. The year 4s will be in the same place! (I HOPE THAT MAKES SOME SENSE! ☺) This is so our Key Stage 1 classes both have access to the new outdoor learning area, and so that other year groups who will be working together are in the same area.

Given the extent of the work that is planned over the holidays, the need to move tables and other resources around and given the fact that all surplus resources are to be skipped, **we will be closing early on the last day of term, Friday 22nd July, at 12.00.** Therefore the children will **not need packed lunches and there will be no hot dinners.** This is so that we can ensure that we leave the landing area and classrooms ready for the builders who will be coming in on the Monday after we break out. We want to ensure that nothing precious is missed or left in the wrong place and accidentally gets thrown out or broken, as well as ensuring that we have time to sort any last minute issues out.

Although we could request to close for the whole day, we felt a half day would represent a good middle ground, so that the children can sort out what they need to take home, including PE kits, work and anything else in their trays, but still give staff the time to ensure that the school is ready for the building works. We also thought it better to give you the three weeks notice so that you can make any arrangements you need, and also have the chance for an early get-away if you are holidaying in the first week off!

I hope this all makes some sense, but please do come and let us know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Barnes