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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°42)
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- Before the end of term, I will be sending home an overview on how we will have to operate the school from September 2020 following the guidance we have received from Government. This will not be the details such as what door your child will use, what time school will end etc.; those details will follow mid-August 2020. This will give us some flexibility to amend things if the Government change the current guidance because they decide to ease lockdown further. We have also planned the recovery programme that will start in September 2020. Again, I will give more details later.
- The end of year teacher's reports were emailed out via Arbor this week. The Yr6 reports also had the attendance certificate attached. All other year groups can view their child's attendance certificate via the Arbor app. Please let us know if you have not yet received your child's report. In the future, we intend to be paperless and that all parents and carers use the Arbor Parent Portal. The Arbor App allows you to access the Parent Portal from your phone or tablet. Please make sure you have registered before the start of the new academic year. Thank you.
- A letter has been sent to all our Yr6 parents and carers with details of the planned end of term celebrations that will be taking place next week. Please return the reply slip giving your permission.
- All class photograph orders from Cardwell and Simons have arrived in school ready for collection. All other class photographs will be sent to your home address if you requested this option.
- We are in the process of obtaining a refund for the Yr6 Residential. This has still not been received. We are unable to process any refunds to parents and carers until we have received this money back from PGL. We are hoping that this will be received by the end of term and we can then action the refunds.
- The annual summer reading challenge 'Silly Squad' is now available in your local Hampshire library and this time there is the option to complete it online. The aim is to read any six books between 1st July 2020 and 13th September 2020, either from your local library or from the online collection. Children will receive a medal and certificate when they cross the finish line. Children can access the challenge at www.hants.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge. Those that do not have access to the online library can use the 'Ready Reads' Service. Families can access this service by calling 01962 454747. **The teachers all feel that all children, in view of what has happened, would benefit from participating in the reading challenge**.
- Please pay for school lunches on-line; we do not want cash brought into school if at all possible. The menu for next week is below:

Monday 20th July 2020	Sausage / vegetarian sausage packed lunch
Tuesday 21st July 2020	Tomato pasta
Wednesday 22nd July 2020	Pizza

- Any families that are entitled to free school meals will receive a bulk payment from the Government on Monday 27th July 2020. The amount payable will be £90 per child which will cover the 6 weeks summer holiday. The voucher scheme and hamper service will no longer be available in September 2020 as all children are expected to be back in school when normal school meals will resume. The full school meals menu will begin again in September 2020. The details of which can be found on: https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/menu-primary.
- There are still a few library books that have not yet been returned to school. Please send any books back into school as soon as possible. There is a box in reception for the collection of any books. Thank you.
- Thank you to the parents and carers of Yr6 that have returned the Key Stage 2 tests revision books for English and mathematics that were loaned to your child. There are still a few that have not yet

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been returned. We need to have these books returned so that they can be used for next year's Yr6 children. If you are unable to return them, please send in £5.00 (£2.50 each) to cover the cost of replacing them.

- A reminder that the school will be closing on Wednesday 22nd July 2020 at 3.25pm for all children including key worker children, for the summer holidays. **We are not closing school at the usual time of 1.30pm on the last day of term.**
- A reminder that we are opening the school on Monday 7th September 2020 for our new Yr3 children only as they have not had an opportunity to visit us during this term. Therefore the school will open to all other year groups on Tuesday 8th September 2020.
- The usual reminders:
  - No bags or personal possessions to be brought into school please
  - The school office is open from 8am to 4pm daily - 01252 666846.
  - You can call the school and leave a message or email adminoffice@guillemont-jun.hants.sch.uk.
  - Mrs Smith (ELSA) can be called by children between 9am and 12pm every week day. If parents or carers require help, please contact Mrs Smith between 1pm and 3pm. 07563384044.
- There will be a newsletter next week, one in mid-August and one just before term starts.

Stay Alert! Control the virus! Let's hope that we return to normal asap!

Best wishes
Denis Foster (Headteacher)