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Dear Parents,

I hope you've all had a fantastic half term with your wonderful littlies and have enjoyed looking on Tapestry together to see everything we achieved throughout the term. Please do use your account otherwise it automatically shuts down, which is such a shame given the amount of work we put into uploading all the learning experiences we have at school. The children adore going through their learning journey and talking about what they remember so if you have time, please share this with them – perhaps they can fill you in some more details too. Thank you to those of you who have also posted pictures and comments back. It really does complete the circle of your child's learning and is a tremendous electronic keep sake for them in the future.

The summer somehow springs itself upon us unexpectedly, so we find ourselves continuing to get the children year 1 ready in every way possible. On Monday 3rd June (our first day back) we will be doing our learning in the year 1 classroom. This allows for the children to know where to go, use the toilets and familiarize themselves with their new learning environment ahead of our induction day in July. We might be able to let you collect the children from there at the end of the day, this is dependent on year 1's class trip so just have a look at collection time on Monday afternoon (if we're not there, we will be the FC class as normal). Year one is the first classroom you come to when you walk through the gates into the playground.

Our topic this term is all about our environment and minibeasts in particular as the children have been so excited in discovering life around the School we thought we'd take their learning even further. Our hook is of course **our trip on Thursday to Sutton Courtenay Nature Reserve**. The children need to come in their **own, suitable outdoor, clothes please and bring a water bottle and packed lunch** (unless you have ordered one from Georgie in School). We are very excited about this and can't wait to take part in a little pond dipping.

In school this term, we will be taking part in the 30 days wild challenge so please ensure your child comes to school with a named coat (if the weather is forecasted cold/wet) and always with sun cream already applied – ideally one which will last all day. Every child must wear a sunhat during playtimes so feel free to bring your own named hat or they will have to borrow one from school. They will also need a named water bottle so that we can venture outside as much as possible and a change of named shoes (outdoor AND indoor) which the children will change themselves. Swimming will continue on a Tuesday morning and PE on Fridays so please ensure your child brings their named kit for these including OUTDOOR trainers for PE and a small jumper. PE kit can remain at school throughout the term.

We are excited about our new in class reward system called 'it's good to be green'. We have three very simple school rules at Harwell, which we expect the children to follow at all times, these are: be kind, be safe and be your best. In class, we notice good behaviour and give attention to children making the right choices. This is very effective in encouraging children whose inclination might be to make poorer choices, to be noticed for doing the right thing! The children simply have to continue to make good choices (be green) throughout the week to have a small class reward with Mrs Cotterill on Friday before home time. Please do ask your child to explain this to show that they have understood about choices and consequences. If you'd like to know more, please don't hesitate to ask. I'm around at the end of the day should you wish to discuss this or anything else to do with your child.

During our **outcome (Tuesday 9th July 930am -)**, we will show you our fab swimming and share some of the activities we have done during the term. Thank you to all of you who managed to attend our last outcome, it was a lot of fun and I can say, with much relief, that the Naughty Bus has returned to his boy and is on his best behaviour at last, thank goodness! You will also be receiving your child's end of year report later on in July. Should you wish to make a meeting to discuss it, please contact me via my email or at the end of the day so that we can arrange a date. Also, please note that the last day of the summer term is Sports Day where you are welcome to attend followed by a whole school picnic where families are invited to stay and share lunch together. The children then come back to class where they are registered and receive a small gift before we return them to you at 13:15 from the FC playground as normal.

Thank you for your continued support. Don't forget to have a look at Tapestry to see how you can support your child at home and share and celebrate their development at this precious age.

Kind regards
The FC Team.