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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break. Hopefully we will see the sun a bit more as the term progresses.

Christian Value

In the summer term, the value that we are focusing on is COURAGE. Courage involves making good choices in the face of fear or obstacles. It's another term for bravery. We celebrate this in our whole school assembly on a Friday.

Information on our Christian Value Courage can be found on the latest news section of the website.

Our Right

Each half term we will consider a different article and ensure the rights are being taught through our daily classroom practice. This half term we are focusing on Article 32. Article 32 of the UNCRC says that children and young people shouldn't be able to work until they reach a certain age. In Scotland, they're not allowed to do almost any kind of work until they are 13. Rules about the work they can do remain in place until they are 18.

Coronation Celebration

With King Charles' coronation taking place on 6th June there are a number of events happening in the local community and at school to help celebrate this historic occasion. Details of activities and events within school will be sent out shortly. Bovey Tracey Town Council will be organising Celebrations on the 6th May including a Coronation Trail and craft activities.

Cycling and scootering to school

As the weather continues to improve it is great to see the number of children cycling and scootering to school increasing. Please can we remind you that children must wear a helmet if they are scootering or cycling to school and that bikes and scooters must not be ridden on school grounds. Many thanks for your support and co-operation with this.

Sun Safe

Hopefully, in the Summer term, the sun will make an appearance. We would like to remind everyone about the importance of sun safety, with the following tips: - Water bottles: please make sure that your child has a water bottle every day. These need to be refreshed daily and named. - Hats: we would like to see the children with hats to wear in hot weather. - Sun protection: once-a-day sun lotions are ideal for school use. These can be applied at home before school and they avoid the need to add more sun lotion during the school day. If your child does bring sun lotion into school, they need to be able to apply it themselves. It should also be in a container labelled with their name/class. Although we love the fact that we have generous children who would happily share their sun lotion, we do need to be careful with sharing as some children may have sensitive skin or allergies to certain creams. Your support with helping your child to stay sun safe is much appreciated.



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Attendance

Attendance is monitored weekly, as part of our legal duties as a school. Currently school attendance is 93.1% this is significantly short of our target of 96%. We do understand that circumstances and illness have an impact on attendance but ask that every effort is made to ensure children are in school regularly and on time please. We will notify you by letter if we have a concern about your child's attendance. If you would like to discuss attendance, please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. We will be happy to work with you and your child to help improve their attendance at school if needed.

If your child is unwell, you must contact the school via the Absence Option. We are also required to ask for as much information as possible about the nature of the illness in line with our health and safety procedures.

Mental Health

As a federation, we believe that teaching children to understand and talk about their mental health is crucial in promoting their future wellbeing. Our mental health champions have been promoting this message in our school assemblies. Sometimes, as parents, we worry about talking to our children about mental health for fear of making things worse, or we worry how our child will react. However, having regular chats about how our minds are doing can be really beneficial and gives your child the message that their mental health is as important as their physical. We would ask how our child's cut knee was healing so why not ask what's going on for them in their minds too? Here are some links to useful information on talking to your child about their mental health.

www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/how-to-talkto-your-child-about-mental-health/

www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parentsand-carers/supporting-your-child-s-mentalhealth/

And finally...

Well done Sheep Tor who have earned themselves non-uniform days for Friday 21st and Friday 28th April by earning the most house points.

Important Dates for your Diary

21 st April	Sheep Tor Non School Uniform
28 th April	Sheep Tor Non School Uniform
1 st May	Bank Holiday
5 th May	Coronation Celebration (Details to follow)
5 th May	Crate Stacking (Details to follow)
8 th May	Bank Holiday
9 th May	KS2 SATS Start
15 th May	26 th May KS2 Swimming (letters to follow)
22 nd May	KS1 SATS Start
26 th May	Last Day of Term
5 th June	Back to School



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