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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please read on for the latest news and information from Havannah First.

Ofsted Inspection

As you will all be aware, we had an Ofsted inspection on Monday and Tuesday. The report will not be available until September and we will share it as soon as it is ready.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you sincerely for your support. We received lots of emails and messages wishing us good luck and several families sent in goodies for the staff room to get us through the week! Our children are amazing and many of them spoke to the Inspector over the two days and told him all about their school and their learning. Our favourite comment was 'we are just one ginormous family in our school'. We were very proud of them all!

Reports

Reports were due to be shared with you today. Due to strike action, these will be shared on Monday. If there are any unforeseen issues on Monday, we will get them to you as soon as possible. The inspection had significant impact on my planned week and so my own work on the reports is significantly behind schedule, resulting in teachers having to print all of their reports on Monday – the printer will be tested to the max! We'll let you know if there are any problems.

Open Afternoon

Tuesday next week is our annual open afternoon. This is a very 'low-key' event where we invite parents and carers to come into classrooms and look at their children's books with their children. It is an opportunity to see your child's progress since the last Parents and Carers' Evening and to talk to your child about his/her learning. There is no presentation so you can come at any time between 2.30pm and the end of the school day. You can take children home before 3.30pm if you wish to, but please inform the class teacher if you do.

Online Safety

Last week, we contacted parents and carers of children in KS2 regarding online safety and following a parent informing us that a group of children were not using an app safely. We have consulted with many parents, carers, safeguarding partners and children with regard to this matter. In doing so, we have become aware that significant numbers of children in our school have social media accounts and access to apps with an age rating of 13+ or higher. Please ensure that your children do not have access to apps and games with ratings of 13 or higher. This is a safeguarding issue and we are very concerned about the impact this is having on children's safety, development, communication and relationships. If all parents and carers were able to comply with the age ratings, it would make it easier to say 'no' to the children and would therefore have much more impact on their safety. I have attached a guide from Internet Matters which gives further information and advice for parents and carers of children up to 10 years old.

Y3 Adventure Day

Thank you to Team Challenge Adventures for providing a whole day of adventure to promote the resilience, team working, creativity, leadership and risk taking of the Year 3 children. They developed so many important skills and loved being together outside all day.



Football Team Success

Again, we brought home a trophy – this time from Regent Farm following the Lee Sterry tournament last Friday. Mr Burnett was immensely proud of the team, but devastated that he had to leave before the end in order to speak to Ofsted on the phone! Mrs Fransisco was delighted to return with the victorious team and news of their sporting values and great behaviour. Well done, everyone!



Transition

While Mr Burnett was at Regent Farm, I was at GEMS (and I also made a fairly sharp return to school to 'take the call') on the first transition visit with a group of Year 4 children. It was great to see our children familiarising themselves with the school and preparing for the full days of transition ahead. One of these took place yesterday and the next is planned for Wednesday 12th July. The same arrangements apply for this day.

Children who are moving to Great Park Academy will remain in school on Wednesday and will join the Y3s in Squirrel class for the day.

I hope that everyone has a restful weekend. We only have two weeks left at school this year, and so much to fit in!

Best wishes

Helen McKenna

Headteacher



Dates for Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 11 th July	Open Afternoon (details above) from 2.30pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Transition visit to GEMS for Y4 (same arrangements as previously)
Friday 14 th July	KS2 Sports Day – Parents and Carers welcome 2.00pm
Monday 17 th July	PTFA Summer Fair 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 20 th July	Y4 Leavers' Assembly 9.00am
Friday 21st July	Break up for Summer Holiday
Monday 4 th September	Training Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 5th September	Beginning of New School Year