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What's in your newsletter this week:

- Improving break-times for children
- Organising classes for next year
- Parking update

What's on in school next week:

- The new play pod is being built on Monday 21st June
- The KS2 performances of the 'Happy Prince' will take place on Wednesday (F6) and Thursday (M6)

Peer mediators

We have introduced a team of 'mediators' into the playground, children in Year 5 who have been trained to help out with playground squabbles before reporting to an adult. This helps children to try to sort things out for themselves (Miss Wood in Y2 is running this).

What we are doing next: we are installing the new playpod (the provisional opening date is 28th June); we are organising a World Cup tournament for children at breaktimes (Mr Fry in Y6 and Mr Barton in Y3 are running this); we are also clamping down on any swearing in the playground (especially during the World Cup).

What happened in school this week:

The Year 6 girls' cricket team played in the County Final in Stroud today– no result yet!

Improving breaktimes for children

We know that playtimes and lunchtimes are important times in the school day for all children and over the last few weeks we have worked with the children to try to improve the experience that everyone has during breaktimes. We thought we would share these with parents so you know more about what is happening in school.

We have gone through our Behaviour Code: before they say something we ask children to think about the following-
Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?

By asking children to think about these questions, it will help to reduce some of the unpleasant things that might be said. It could be useful at home too!

What to do if you are called a name

We advise children to go through this process:

Realise that the name isn't true;
Not show that it is upsetting because that can give control to the name caller;

Understand that the person calling the name may not be very happy;

Report the problem to an adult if it doesn't stop

(Mr Farr in Y5 has spoken to the children about this)

Talking to adults

We expect our children to talk to all adults in school with the same level of respect, whether they are teachers, teaching assistants or lunchbreak supervisors. This means that breaktimes are good for everyone!

New equipment We have of course recently provided new equipment too, and the children have really enjoyed the Crown climbing structure and the teepees.

School Dinner Price Increase

Please note that with effect from 1st September, hot school dinners will increase to £1.65 per day.

Organising classes for next year

Staff will soon be starting on the task of splitting children into classes ready for 2010-11. Some parents have already sent in letters with comments for teachers to bear in mind; if you have any particular issues you would like teachers to be aware of when organising next year's classes can you please drop them a note by next Tuesday (22nd June). Thank you.

Celebrating talent assembly

The next Celebrating Talent Assembly will take place on Monday 5th July.

Summer Fair programme designs

Congratulations to Emma in M1, Georgia in C5 and Alyssa in L3 for winning the competition to design the front cover of the programme for this year's Summer Fair. The winning designs will be on the programmes available on the 26th June.

Thank yous...

First, from the BBC..'I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone at Longwell Green - children, staff and parents - for participating in the "Go Wild for Wildlife" day. The school has raised an incredible **£240.24** for the BBC Wildlife Fund!

All of the children we filmed behaved in an enthusiastic and professional manner and you should be very proud of them.

I will contact you to let you know as soon as any footage goes on our website, and we really hope the school will feature in our live show next Sunday 20th June.' (Victoria Bromley, researcher)

Second, from Sport Relief: 'a big thank you to Longwell Green School for raising a fantastic **£415.75.**'

Sealife Weymouth

We have received some leaflets for children to go free to the Sealife Centre in Weymouth. If you would like one please call at the school office.

Dropping children off and picking children up

I am always impressed by how courteous and patient parents are when manoeuvring their cars around the entrance to the school at the beginning and end of the day. It is so busy but everyone's thoughtfulness means that things generally run smoothly. A small reminder: between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday it is not permitted to park on the zig zags outside of school, and of course it is not permissible to stop on the double yellow lines. Our local PSCO is very keen to check that school parking follows to these restrictions.

England v Slovenia, Wednesday 23rd June

We will be showing this game on a big screen and KS2 children are welcome to join us in the hall once school finishes at 3.15. Parents are welcome to join us too. Pick up time will be 5pm at the latest.