Dear Parents and Carers

I have to start by saying a huge thank you to Mr Stewart for organising a wonderful ‘Sport and Fitness Week’ which the children have thoroughly enjoyed, despite challenging weather conditions at times! To give you a flavour of the week, children have:

- learnt about the problems with energy drinks, designing their own healthier alternative;
- taken part in fitness workouts in their classrooms;
- learnt about the women’s World Cup competition and designed a kit for the English team;
- set their own personal exercise challenges.

Yesterday the school was visited by Shona Richards, a 400m hurdler, who spoke about her career and ambitions. The children learnt about injury setbacks she has had and the importance of having determination to succeed. Shona also led a training session with the children and gave a Q & A session. We were amazed by the children’s efforts to generate sponsorship, raising over £1300.00 in total, of which half will be kept by the school and half will be donated to Shona Richards to support her career and Olympic dreams. The sponsorship total so far (please send in if you haven’t yet done so) is double last year’s amount and so a huge thank you from us for all your support.

Of course the week ended with Sports Day. At the time of writing this, I am hoping that many parents and carers have enjoyed picnics with their children and we have had a great afternoon watching the races. Whether this is the reality depends on the weather of course!

3R Assembly

Well done to 3R for an assembly all about ‘inspiration’. The children read out moving tributes they had written about people that inspired them. Well done 3R!

New Stage Lighting

We are incredibly grateful to our FOY and parent support for donating £5000.00 towards new stage lighting in the main hall. This will give our school productions a huge boost and save the school from having to rent lighting each year. If all goes to plan, the new lighting will be installed next week and get its first ‘outing’ at the Year 6 production later this term.

Healthy Lunches

We will be launching a new policy on packed lunches at the beginning of the next academic year. Hopefully the guidance contained in the policy will help you have conversations with your children about the importance of a healthy, balanced diet. As you know, a lot has been said in recent years about poor diet, particularly high levels of salt and sugar. It is great to see that most packed lunches brought into school contain a good level of fresh food with including fruit and vegetables. We realise that some children can have quite a restricted range of food they will eat and are happy to work with parents to broaden their palette.

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Parking!
I have been approached by local residents once again asking me to remind parents and carers not to park on yellow lines or on private roads and driveways. I appreciate that the poor weather makes parking more challenging, but please continue to park with due respect to local residents and mindful of the safety of all our children. The double yellow lines are there to maintain flow of traffic in the road, without which drivers become frustrated and start behaving in ways that become dangerous. Thank you for your support.

Next Week
Year 6 have been getting very excited about next week. Many will be off to the Isle of Wight and some will be enjoying a week of more local activities. We wish them a very happy time. They thoroughly deserve it!

Mufti Day for Winning House
Well done to MacArthur House for winning the trophy for the team with the most house points collected in the first half of summer term. Their ‘prize’ is a mufti day on Thursday 27th June. Children in MacArthur (blue) House can wear their own clothes on this day.

Finally..
It looks like we will be in for a warmer week next week. The children will not need to wear ties to school if the forecast temperature for Horley reaches 23°C. It is then simpler to say that children do not need to wear ties for the rest of the summer term (rather than insist they wear them if the temperature cools again) Of course, if they would prefer to wear them, this is their choice.

See you at Horley Carnival tomorrow!
Best wishes
Guy Perkins