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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and managed to tick off at least some of your to-do list. The children and staff coped incredibly well with the heat and, as always, produced high-quality work.

Thank you for ensuring your children were well protected with sun cream, water, hats, etc. This kind of heat may become the new norm. We have purchased additional gazebos to ensure children can avoid the sun when they are outside.

Art Exhibition Monday 7th July

Over the past two weeks, the children have been joyfully creating a range of artwork, including self-portraits. This activity is designed to help them celebrate their individuality, foster self-love, and reinforce the important message that everyone belongs. We will have the portraits exhibited on Monday in Maberly Hall.

This exhibition will be for one day only – some might say it will be the best exhibition you have ever seen, and it is completely free! We will open on **Monday at 8:45 AM and close at 3:00 PM**. You will even receive a free drink. Please pop in for a few minutes!

Smartphone-Free Childhood

Thank you to all the parents who have emailed me to say that you support the school in ensuring we do not have smartphones in school. As I mentioned in my letter, the decision was made to protect our children. I appreciate that not everyone shares this view; however, I believe this is the best decision for the school.

FOSJ

There is a dedicated group of parents – Alice, Petuche, Kerry, HA, Rachael, and Rory – who are true heroes of our school community. They generously give their time and energy to support the school in countless ways.

Their efforts are not only deeply appreciated but also vital to our success. We are proud to be a school of choice, and much of what we offer our children is made possible through the tireless work and fundraising of this incredible group. The funds they raise play a crucial role in helping us provide a high-quality education for every child.

Thank you for everything you do – your commitment makes a real difference.





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Fun Run

I hope to see as many of you at the Fun Run on Sunday. Christ Church is hosting a service at 9:00 am and everyone is welcome to come along. If you would like to support, please contact a member of the FOSJ team.

Chess at STJHV

This week, a small group of children attended an exciting chess festival at Manchester Square Gardens. The highlight of the day was the incredible opportunity to play a game with the Chancellor of the Exchequer! Chess is a valued part of our curriculum, and it has been wonderful to see the children making excellent progress while thoroughly enjoying the challenge. Thanks to the generosity of one of our parents, we can continue with chess next term.

Key dates for the next two weeks

7th July - Art exhibition (all parents are welcome to attend)

9th July - Transition to KS2 - Y2 parents (9:00 am)

9th July - Y6 End of year production (9:30 am)

10th July - Y6 End of Year production (5:00 pm) followed by a BBQ

Week beginning 14th - Transition week (Reception to Y5)

18th July - Leavers assembly - 9:30 am at Christ Church (Y6 parents are invited)

Thank you for everything you do to support our school. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the summer social. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

With thanks,

Ms Khan

Head of School

