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Dear Parents,

It has been a very pleasant week in school, made even better with the lovely weather. There has been lots of lessons outside, including science, art and maths. The team from St Nicholas hospice who worked with Year 6 on the sensitive subject of bereavement, worked in groups under our beautiful oak trees. It seemed a very peaceful and appropriate setting. We are lucky we have lots of different areas to use, so we always make the best use of our space.

The deposit for the library has been paid. I must take this opportunity to reiterate that the funding for the library, which will also be able to be used as an additional teaching area, is not coming from school funds, but from an external source not connected to the school. Also, that the building will not just provide us with a library, but a new multifunctional room that can be used by all of the children, and as some of you know that come into school, we really do need indoor space! We will also be able to offer the room to the local community, including playgroup. This is a ringfenced funding that could only have been used for this project by the school.

We have also purchased £1000 worth of sports equipment this week, which has been funded by FORS, our school PTA. Thank you so much FORS team. We chose things that the children haven't had before, plus some old favourites. Next year I would like to replace the large climbing frame on the playground, so have started to look at funding opportunities for this.

We are waiting now to see what the Government decides regarding COVID measures being lifted in the coming days. So, for now, some of our activities and events are pencilled in until we know more. Thank you for your understanding with this. We will update you as soon as we can confirm confidently.

Today the Bury Free Press came in to take a picture of Year 6, who will be leaving us this term, so keep an eye open for it. We have also welcomed back two previous pupils who have returned to the school, including James and Morgan in Year 3 who will re-join Oak class.

I am hoping to recruit a new Governor in September as we have a couple of spaces that have arisen since pupils have moved on to Upper School. Please get in touch with me, or catch me on the school gate Friday mornings if you are interested, or would like an informal chat about it.

Have a super weekend all, and as always, thank you for your kind support and understanding during these challenging times for all, you really are the most wonderful school community to work with.

Kind regards,

Helen Ballam.