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Dear Parents,

Everything is going really well in school, and the mood has certainly lifted this week with the sunshine. Today our Willow Class children had their first Forest School session with Mrs Bishop who is halfway through her training. They had a great time making magic wands and learning the basic rules. Miss Moore now also has Level 1 Forest School training to support the children, and we have some super parents that volunteer to come in – thank you.

We have had very positive feedback from the parent consultations. Thank you for working with us as we trialled a new way of meeting you online. It mostly went well, with a few minor teething problems in Year 6.

We have had four new pupils start with us over the last couple of weeks. I know the children have made them feel very welcome and helped them settle quickly into life at Rattlesden School. Our numbers for new starters in September keep rising and are looking very good, so we are in a strong position moving forward. With playgroup having less pupils this year, we have had a high number of applications from families outside of our catchment area which is always a good sign.

The science sensory garden is starting to be planted up, and we are also planting an apothecary garden adjacent to it, which the children are going to study. I hope we can have a gardening club soon to look after our new outdoor spaces. A big thank you to Emma Davies for planning and developing this space in her own time. The children will be helping her with planting next week.

Next week please join us for our online Celebration Assembly, Friday 30th at 1.30 via Zoom. We will send the link on Monday.

We are already making plans for the rest of the summer term, including the Key Stage 2 campout, and Year 6 Activity Week, which they have been planning together with their teachers. I have a feeling this term will be going so very fast!

Have a super weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Helen Ballam