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Dear all,

A letter to catch up with you and let you know a few things that have been going on, and are coming up after half term.

Today the children in Key Stage 2 have been enjoying a 'Camp Day' with lots of activities, including survival skills. Thank goodness we have had good weather for the event. Although everyone is tired, they are full of energy and having a great time, including the teachers! Thank you to Mrs. Jeffery for organizing the day, which I know originally was going to be a sleep over too, and all of the staff staying this evening with the pupils.

Bikeability went well. The instructor said that the children were extremely polite and well-behaved. As always, I was very proud of them.

I have been planning a 'party' or fun week for the children in June, as promised when we were in lockdown. We are really hoping restrictions are lifted, but even if not it should be a really nice week of treats for your children. A few dates for the diary to note:

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1.30 – Picnic at the Pavilion. If you would like to come along and spend the afternoon with your children you are most welcome. More details will follow.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Bertie Bassett Disco afternoon. In school hours, but pack some party clothes.

We are also going to do Forest School activities for those who don't have it usually, cooking, storyteller workshop, and I have asked for some different and exciting PE provision from Suffolk Sports Partnership, with activities that the children don't usually experience.

We officially received our Primary Science Quality Mark this week, so it was great to add the logo to the school website today.

Teachers have met this week to start revisiting our curriculum development over the next few months. The work we had done stalled somewhat during school lockdown, so we are now getting back on track. When we have documents ready, we will start updating the website and giving it a bit of a makeover. I will keep you updated.

Lastly, I can now confirm that the library building will be taking place in the Autumn term. It will be situated around the back of the school, with a glass wall overlooking the fields. I think this is going to be an amazing addition to the school, enabling the children to use the beautiful space for a whole range of activities. I would like to thank the Rattlesden community for all of the support they have shown for the project. In future months we will all be coming together to make this dream become a reality for the children and their families. The work is set to start towards the end of October, and be

finished near to the start of November. We will have a great open day for everyone, and you will all be invited to come in and see the library and the rest of the school in action.

So, the calendar is really becoming packed now with lots of lovely things for the children to enjoy, but for now, I think everyone is really ready for a rest and recharge of the batteries.

Have a really lovely half term with your friends and family, and we will see you all again on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Kind regards,

Helen Ballam