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Dear parents,

I can't believe it was only a few weeks ago that I had to make the decision to close the school because of snow. Now here I am, reminding you to send in named water bottles, named sun hats and asking you to pre-apply the sun cream! If your child suffers from hay fever then we do allow them to wear sunglasses at playtimes – can you just confirm this with a note to your child's teacher.

Adventure Playground

We have started to get quotes and designs in for the replacement of the adventure playground. I want the children to be involved in the process so I will be working with them on the designs and choices of equipment over the next few weeks. Luckily, we have some of the government's PE grant left over which we can put towards the cost and I am already in discussion with the PTA about some fundraising events. I am pushing to get this done as soon as possible as I know the children are really missing the "adventure" as they call it, but it is going to take a few weeks to get everything sorted and the work booked in. I really hope we can get it built and open before the end of the summer term. I will keep you posted!

Growth Mindset Ideas

Emphasise growth over speed. Learning fast isn't the same as learning well, and learning well sometimes requires allowing time for mistakes. Children often worry that they are learning more slowly than other children or that they are falling behind their peers. Try to remind them that learning something properly takes time and is different for everyone.

Redefine "genius." Encourage your child to accept that being a genius, or being really good at something, almost always requires putting in hard work and effort and not talent alone.

Disassociate improvement from failure. Having "room for improvement" is not failure; it's just part of the learning process. You might want to use examples of famous footballers or musicians who would be unlikely ever to say they had perfected what they do or did.

"I am not a perfectionist, but I like to feel that things are done well. More important than that, I feel an endless need to learn, to improve, to evolve, not only to please the coach and the fans but also to feel satisfied with myself. It is my conviction that there are no limits to learning, and that it can never stop, no matter what our age."

Cristiano Ronaldo (I thought I would include this quote as it sums up the points above but my knowledge of football is limited to knowing that Mr Ronaldo plays football and is famous: I apologise if he was an inappropriate choice!)

A note from Mrs Kenworthy

I would like to thank all the children and parents for their kind words and lovely gifts that I received when I left.

Thanks - see you soon! Louise x

Puzzle

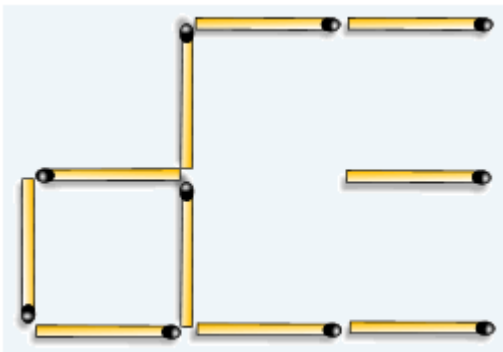
Solution to the previous puzzle:

A farmer was asked how many ducks he had. "Well," he said, "they ran down the path just now and I saw one duck in front of two ducks, a duck behind two ducks, and a duck between two ducks." How many ducks were there?



This week's puzzle:

10 to 2 squares – move 3 matches to make 2 squares.



Summer Term dates for your diary:

Friday 20 th April	<i>No Family Assembly</i>
Friday 27 th April	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 27 th April	PTA Disco
Tuesday 1 st May	Key Stage 2 SATs meeting (Year 6 parents)
Friday 4 th May	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 8 th May	Key Stage 1 SATS meeting (Year 2 parents)
Friday 11 th May	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Key Stage 2 SATs Tests	14th May – 17th May
Friday 18 th May	<i>No Family Assembly</i>
Key Stage 1 SATs Tests	21st May – 25th May
Friday 25 th May	<i>No Family Assembly</i>
Half Term	28 th May – 1st June
Friday 8 th June	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 15 th June	<i>No Family Assembly</i>
Friday 22 nd June	Music Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 29 th June	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 6 th July	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 13 th July	<i>No Family Assembly</i>
Friday 13 th July	Area Sports (5.30pm) Key Stage 2
Saturday 14th July	Family Challenge and PTA Fete
Tuesday 17 th July	Sports Day 9.30am - weather permitting
<i>(Thursday 19th July</i>	<i>Reserve Sports Day 9.30am)</i>
Friday 20 th July	<i>No Family Assembly</i>
Monday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers' Service 2.30pm
School Closes	Wednesday 25 th July at 1.30pm

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman
Headteacher