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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope that this email finds you well and that you enjoyed a fantastic Easter holiday. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and to see them settle back into school life so well. We also welcomed our new Buzzard Class teacher, Mrs Akhurst, to our team this week [©]

In other staff news, I am delighted to inform you of some exciting baby news! Mrs McInnes, Puffin Class teacher, is expecting a baby in September and Miss Barclay, our Nest teaching assistant is also having a baby, due in August. I am sure that you will join with me in congratulating both Mrs McInnes and Miss Barclay and wishing them well with the remainder of their pregnancies. I will write to you with maternity cover arrangements in due course.

We are excited about the summer term and all of the learning and activities we have planned for the children. Attached to this email are the summer term key dates for your calendars. Please note that this includes the PTFA Summer Fayre on 9th July. All other PTFA summer term dates are to follow soon.

One important date is **8th May** when we will celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. On this day we would like the children to come to school dressed in red or white or blue or a combination of the colours. We will celebrate in school with special lessons and a whole school worship and we will be having a picnic lunch on the field. Those children who would ordinarily bring a packed lunch to school will need to do so as normal. **All school meals that have already been ordered for 8th May have been cancelled** and we ask that parents kindly re-order by Wednesday 30th April, should you wish your child to have a school packed lunch prepared by the kitchen on that day.

Between now and 8th May, the children will decorate medals to display in Somerton and members of the school community will be represented at the ceremony organised by the Somerton Town Council in the evening on 8th. All in all, this promises to be a fantastic celebration to mark an important historical date and one which we hope the children will remember for some time to come.

We wish to inform you that we will be having an additional INSET day at the end of this academic year. This will take place on the last day of the summer term, <u>Wednesday 23rd July 2025</u>, to enable the staff to undertake essential curriculum development, ready for September. We hope that by giving 12 weeks' notice of the additional INSET day, this will give parents enough time to make child care arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs Svenson Headteacher