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Ruishton Church of England Primary School

w/b 18<sup>th</sup> May

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Dear Parents,

The Hub will be open from 3<sup>rd</sup> August for three weeks for the whole day if there is sufficient demand for the **summer holiday club**. This is only for children presently at Ruishton School. Please see the list in the Hub's lobby or ask for a booking form from school. Thank you to the choir and Jill Amos for a **splendid performance** the other week. It is always nice to get feedback from others and all the children (and Mrs Amos) were brilliant ambassadors for the school. The **Samba** tuition is going well and is very popular. If you are a keen seamstress (or whatever the male equivalent is) we are looking for someone who could sew a few leg protectors for the children to prevent bruising on their legs.

One or two people have been talking to me lately and are under the impression that we get **funding** to pay for swimming, school trips etc. The answer is that we don't .... we operate financially independently of the local authority and the only thing we get for free is inspection. Absolutely everything else from sewage disposal, rates and fuel bills, to buildings, grounds maintenance, grass cutting, and repairs we have to pay for. Hence we ask for voluntary contributions towards swimming and school trips. If we don't get the contributions than the trips are at risk, and in the case of swimming and water safety we have to take the money from other parts of the curriculum. On the other hand we don't make charges when we can legally do so. I appreciate that it is difficult for some to find the finances and we are always sympathetic if we are told, in confidence. Capital expenditure on building is a different budget ... if we don't spend that then it is taken away. Strange but true.

So, a neat lead in to building.... The final phase of our redevelopment starts on May 26<sup>th</sup> when we will start to construct a new **lobby and offices**, as well as make some structural change to the resource base. When the builders start, the gate nearest to school will be taken out of use and there will be no access to the office through the main door for children. Dinner slips can be put in a box which will be temporarily inside the white doors, and not by the office. It will be a little inconvenient, but worth it. The planned finish date is August 24<sup>th</sup>.

*June dates:*

<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Ruishton Church Fair	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b> non-uniform day; bring a can or bottle for the fair.
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Ruishton School Fair	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b> Class photos.. clean and tidy children please.
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> Parents' evening week. Appointment sheets will go up outside each class room	
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b> Breakfast club	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b> Country dancing at Hatch Beauchamp

*July dates: (\* details later)*

<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> *Creech Theatre Performance	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Play to learn day for new reception children
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Y6 production at 1.30pm	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> Y6 production 7.00pm
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b> Sports Day (9.30 start)	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Breakfast Club: *Barbecue and auction
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b> last day of term	

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