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Dear Parents & Carers,

The sun shone for KS1 Sports and we enjoyed working with our Game On PE coaches. Foundation Stage are looking forward to their events on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Today's Open Classroom was very well supported and we hope that the subsequent workshop gave an insight into how we teach Maths using new equipment and strategies. Thank you to the teaching staff for their preparation and to Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Tennant for leading the presentation.

### Federation news

Governors held a meeting about the proposed federation of the Infant and Junior governing bodies after the workshop. Thank you to those who contributed questions. Another meeting is planned for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 7:00 – 8:00 pm at Juniors, to which parents of both schools are invited. Please use the dedicated email address for questions and feedback at [governors@ssasinfants.herts.sch.uk](mailto:governors@ssasinfants.herts.sch.uk) or the governor comments box in the main entrance.

### Our Special Visitor

On Wednesday and Thursday, we were visited by our school improvement advisor. We asked him to come in and look at standards of teaching, learning and behaviour; an objective review of our successes and areas for improvement. He was impressed by how confident and polite the children are and commented on their excellent behaviour and the pride they take in their work. He chatted to many of them during his visit. The purposeful way the children start each day and the positive learning environment does us all credit. Thank you to the children and staff for shining!

### Next half-term's learning

#### Year 2 Forest School

There will be ***no forest school for Year 2 in the first week back after the holiday.*** The children will be visiting a local synagogue to support our learning in RE.

### Wellbeing for Children

We use a purpose-written, age-appropriate scheme called Jigsaw to support the children's personal, social and emotional health (PSHE). After half-term is all about keeping our bodies healthy and staying safe. It's essential that children know how to stay safe and get help with a problem. Parents should be guided by their child's questions and information to support these sensitive conversations may be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule>.

### Thank you!

Donations for Foundation Stage concert programmes raised £145 for Sentebale, a charity working with HIV orphans in Southern Africa. The children are delighted, especially School Council, so thank you for your generosity.

Have a wonderful half-term break. Don't forget that we have an INSET day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June so school is closed for teacher training. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Kind regards

*B Dempsey*



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