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Dear Parents & Carers

As the rain pours down outside, we are warm and cosy inside, and the children are busy writing their stories. Across the school the children have been focusing fantastically well on their story writing this week and I have loved reading their ideas. They have been writing adventure stories in Owlcombe and traditional tales in Middlecott whilst the children in Honeywell have been writing about the antics of Shaun the Sheep!

Owlcombe have been practising their dance for Body Language next Wednesday, I can't wait to see them perform. It is the highlight of the year for many Year 5/6 teachers and the last time I watched Ilsington dance at South Dartmoor was before I took up the position here. Body Language has been a rite of passage for Year5/6 for so many years and I remember all three of my children taking part in it about fourteen years ago. It's so nice to know that our older pupils can have this opportunity again. To perform on a professionally lit and organised stage with a fantastic sound system really is a great experience for the children.

Honeywell were very busy and muddy earlier this week as they created the first part of the school's new sensory garden. They split the afternoon between taking part in sporting activities with Miss Willis, who is a trained sports coach and planting out the lavender, rosemary and primroses. Mr Mann had kindly provided an enormous pile of topsoil for the school and the children had great fun using it all up and getting very messy in the process.

Middlecott have been working hard all week too and enjoyed planting up their science experiments with Mrs Malpas; there are now sad little plants all over the school enduring a range of harsh conditions for science, I don't hold out much hope for the plant currently doomed to grow in the freezer! The children also experienced fractions in the form of pizza and cake and thoroughly enjoyed eating the math's resources at the end of the session.

Woodhouse were incredibly successful in keeping their systems running effectively and efficiently despite the absence due to illness of some of the team. A huge thank you, to all involved for keeping the children happy, safe and engaged throughout the week. Miss Willis and I enjoyed helping out with lunchtimes and Miss Willis plans to continue to do so, as it is helping her to get to know the youngest children in pre-school. This will support their transition if they move up into our Reception class in the future.

We still have internet issues and expect to throughout next week. Luckily, the lovely Village Hall committee have allowed us to use the meeting room next week and their internet. This will be really helpful to both myself and to our incoming administrator Penny Amos when she begins in role on Monday. Penny will be on the gate with me on Monday so you will have chance to say hello to her if you missed her last time.

I hope that you all have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you again on Monday morning.

Kind regards
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