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Dear Parents/Carers,

*Four brief items:*

I wrote at the beginning of April that we were planning all our usual summer term events and asked you to note, especially, the date of our Sports Day and Summer Fayre, which is tomorrow! Please see all the details in the newsletter, which is [here on our website](#), alongside all previous newsletters. Your children will be outside for over four hours tomorrow and, since the weather promises to be kind, please ensure that they have a hat, sun cream and a bottle of water. Whilst the event is open to you and the public from 10.30 am, please ensure your child is at school in time to be in their form to register at 9.25 am. Please arrive on foot at the 'bottom' gate, the gate nearest to Danson Park. And please don't forget that there is no school on Monday in lieu of Saturday.

One of the effects of the pandemic nationally has been a small slip in the attendance rates and punctuality of pupils in schools. We have not been immune to this trend. Our Attendance Officer is writing to you next week to remind families of our expectations in this crucial area; please take a minute or so to read her letter carefully.

I have been asked by the *Bexley Public Health Advisor for Children and Young People* to alert you to a workshop that has been organised for parents/carers of, and anyone wanting to support, LGBTQ+ young people. It will be held at Beths Grammar School on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 5.30 pm to 7 pm. If you would like to attend the workshop, please [register here](#).

Lastly, I have appealed to you and to your children on more than one occasion over the past year or so to help us manage the road outside the school safely and to be aware of our impact on the public as students arrive and leave school. Thank you for your support in this. I wanted to remind you that as well as the occasional moan from members of the public, we also receive very positive phone calls. This week, for example, a mother phoned reception to praise our students, on a bus in Welling, for the way they interacted so positively with her son who was having a challenging day - she was so grateful and impressed. We also had a member of staff at Dover Castle this week make a point of saying how impressed he was with the attitudes and evident curiosity of our visiting year 7 students (students who have not been on a school visit for years). I had forgotten how often we used to receive comments like this on school visits. This makes us very proud.

See you tomorrow!

Best wishes,