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Dear Parents,

Are you ready for tomorrow? It's all hands on the jungle vines for the big event in the Friends calendar and a big occasion for the school community. Those of you in the village on Wednesday may well have heard the jungle drums beating as Bloco Fogo led the children in drumming workshops throughout the day. Our Upper Juniors will be demonstrating their prowess during the afternoon as our Jungle School Band, with the full Bloco Fogo ensemble starting and ending the fete.

By the time you read this, the bottle stall competition will have been called. At the time of writing it's impossible to know who has won, but we'll send a text message out to let you know who brought in the most bottles. Thank you for the bric-a-brac, teddies, toys, old china, cakes and other items that you have so generously donated. Thank you for your extraordinary generosity with the auction – there are some fantastic lots up for grabs so don't miss your chance to look through the catalogue. Thank you for signing up to assist on the stalls and help out with setting up and clearing away.

And so we reach the day itself. The forecast looks okay, so hold the faith with that one. If you've not been able to commit to assisting, please make sure that you support by your attendance and take part with enthusiasm. There's a lot to see, a lot to do and a lot to enjoy.

Next week we start off on Monday by welcoming our **new Reception class** children on their pre-school visit. Year 5 children have been given the names of their new partners and the new week will see the start of that very special relationship formed between our youngest and our oldest.

Tuesday and Thursday will be buzzing with **parent/teacher consultations**. For those of you who bring your children in during the afternoon and evening, they will need to wait in the hall whilst you are talking to your child's teacher. On Tuesday, you do have the option of putting them into Extra Hours Club, but I would recommend booking early to avoid missing out. If you haven't been to one of these before, come through the main entrance and into the hall, where children from Year 6 will be ready to guide you through the process and repeatedly offer you cups of tea! They will have the full lists of appointments; please do your best to be punctual as one late appointment early in the evening can lead to chaos for everybody else. One member of staff has also been specially equipped to ensure she doesn't talk for too long and cause chaos for her colleagues!

Have you seen the full set of **class photos** in the hall? We're grateful to Profiles Photography who framed the photos for our hall display at no additional cost because they like us and because our children behave so well and show them such respect. It's good to know that those who visit many other schools make such favourable comparisons and in addition to this gift from our photographers, Alex from Bloco Fogo and a visiting football coach both made a point of coming to find me at the end of the day to pay compliment to the behaviour and attitude of the children. One of the good lessons they are learning is that in giving more you will often receive more – a lovely Jerry Springer moment with which to end this week's missal!

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

