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Dear Parents,

Whew! What a hot, sticky week in school – and thank goodness we had the sail shades! It's not been the easiest week for children in class, but they've done magnificently. The Juniors have ended their week with **Performance from Scratch**, which has necessitated a newsletter being written Thursday evening, so I can't tell you how it's gone. However, we've got so many children that play instruments, we've decided to hold a further afternoon of 'Horsmonden's Got Musical Talent' during the last week, when Juniors will be able to showcase their instrumental skills again.

Infant Sports Day was inevitably a casualty of the heat. As we informed infant parents in the text message, we'll hold an event but it will be a 24 hour notice affair and we'll base it on the weather. If you're able to join us, that's great.

Junior Sports Day is fully covered in the separate letter sent to Junior parents and gives you a bit of the flavour of this special day which is something completely different from what's gone before.

Teachers have noticed some unhealthy snacks creeping their way to the playground at playtime. It's worth reminding you that **playtime snacks** should be healthy in their nature – crisps are a definite no-go area, so if you've tucked crisps in their lunchbox, please make it clear that they are part of their lunch and their playtime snack is something different. Children can feel embarrassed if a teacher points it out in the playground and we'd rather not put them through that.

A message from Miss Hudson, who would like to thank **Tilescape Ltd** in Paddock Wood for their generous donation of mosaic tiles, enabling children in Year 4 to design and make individual mosaics. As always, she's on the scrounge for something more; if you have any sawdust that you can donate, her little furry friend Wispa needs it for the cage. I'm told Wispa is a guinea pig – delicious!

I also have a request from the **Reception** staff. If you're having a clear out over the next few weeks, Reception can always provide a home for good quality toys and games. They particularly like role play items, such as plastic cups and plates (how common!) and toy kettles, toasters and play food. They would also welcome toy cars, sand and water toys, small world play items such as dolls houses and playmobil etc. Many thanks in anticipation.

And finally, this newsletter may be short and sweet but there are attachments, which E-letter subscribers have already received. There's a letter about a Running Club for Juniors and another about a Gymnastics Club for Infants, both starting in the autumn. There's also a letter about a summer holiday activities provided by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council in school during the summer holiday. All new opportunities for your children, so please help us to sustain these with your child's participation.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

