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Dear Parents,

Good Heavens! Just one more week to go until the mid-term holiday! Where did those weeks go? As we head towards the week off, I'm delighted to inform you that the **Reception Class courtyard** is finally nearing completion. To be fair to Alex and Mr Malcolm, the original project has grown and grown, and as new ideas have been offered by all sorts of people, the finish date has inevitably been pushed further away. This week, the roof for the under cover area has gone up and it's now just a question of finishing off each area.

Whilst the mid-term holiday provides a break for many, the school will still be a hive of activity. On Wednesday, Premier Sports will be holding one of their **mutlisports days**, for which Liam will be bringing in forms on Wednesday. The infant end of the building will also be bustling with building works as the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 **loos undergo a makeover**, with new flooring, internal panelling, fixtures and fittings. It's long overdue and we want to reward the infant children for the efforts they've been making with keeping the loos as pleasant as possible.

Next week there's a **cake sale on Thursday**, which is being organised by FoHPS. The impact of FoHPS on the facilities for your child is immense so if you're able to support by providing a cake, please bring them in on Thursday morning and place them on the tables in the computer suite. The cake sale will be held in the courtyard, giving you all an opportunity to see the finished area for yourselves whilst indulging in something naughty but nice!

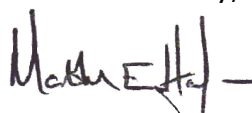
And so, with baited breath and a sense of unprecedented anticipation, I bring you a message from the home of Paula Veysey-Smith, whose palpable excitement as the festive season draws near is a positively infectious aspect of this time of year. Avoid making comparisons with swine flu!! It's news of the Christmas Present Fayre:

"Yes, it is that time again and the Christmas Present Fayre is in the diary for the 3rd December!! A long established tradition at Horsmonden School, this event is really the start of Christmas celebrations for our children, their opportunity to shop for presents for family, friends and pets!! Seasoned parents will already know how it all works but for many of you it will be a new experience. I will send a newsletter out after half-term explaining how it all works but would encourage you all to start thinking about the gifts you could provide. If you are new to this event please ask around and find out more about it...."

Far less exciting than Christmas, but just as necessary, if you assist in any way with driving children to sports tournaments or other school activities, you do need to make sure we've got a photocopy of your **insurance** details in the office. You're an invaluable source of assistance and we do need to make sure we've got the paperwork absolutely right on this one. Can you also check that we have your up to date **mobile telephone number** – if you haven't been receiving any text alerts from school, this is your big clue, so please update Sarah in the office.

And finally, I'm delighted to inform you of a **conker competition** on Sunday from 10:00 – 12 p.m. at Marle Place Gardens. Entry is £3 in aid of the RNLi with registration prompt at 10 a.m.

Yours sincerely,


Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

