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Dear Parents,

All week long I've been asked if I'm looking forward to half term. For all of us here the answer is yes, but that's because the school will actually be a hive of activity whilst the **new computer suite** is fitted and furnished. I'd encourage you all to use the front school entrance on the first morning back and have a look to see the new facility.

During the first week back the **junior toilet refurbishment** will also begin. It's not quite so appealing as a computer suite, but as far as your children are concerned we know it will make the world of difference to those necessary moments in the day. Could all parents of junior boys embark on target training during half term – we'd like to keep it fragrant for as long as possible.

Back to this week and it was undoubtedly a shame that the weather wasn't altogether kind for the Farmers' Market and **Apple Day**, but Years 4 and 5 still had a great morning appreciating, respecting and understanding more about where we live.

As notified to all E-letter subscribers earlier this week, we will be doing something different with the children's individual **photographs** following the roaring success of the new style class photos in the summer. Please make sure your form has been returned by the first morning back so that we can plan the sessions as smoothly as possible. In the Spring Term, we will be looking to run a **Family Portrait** day at which you will have the chance to save a lot of money with professional portraits with our regular photographers. Feedback from E-letter subscribers this week shows that a Saturday is by far the most popular time to run one of these days, and we'll be letting you know the date well in advance.

Are you an **E-letter subscriber**? It's really helpful to all of us if you are as we're able to communicate more frequently with you and give you alerts about what is going on in school. It's not just about saving production costs, it's about good communication and in addition to the newsletter you can expect regular updates from us here without the need to check out noticeboards in school. During the next term (Autumn 2) we'll be organising listings into class groups so enabling more focused email. If you haven't subscribed so far, send us an email and we'll add you to the list.

Many thanks to FoHPS for organising the **Fizz and Quiz** for the children yesterday evening. There was a consistency of excitement throughout the event and the winning team was the Quiz and Fizz Queens, which means that girls' teams have a 100% success rate on our children's quiz nights!

Since last week's letter I've been informed that Kindergarten won't be ready to offer out-of-hours provision after Christmas. Whilst I was keen to avoid stealing business away, I'm also keen to provide a service and I'm delighted to inform you that we will have suitably qualified early years staff employed in January meaning that Reception children will now be able to use our **Extra Hours Club** in the spring once the new facility is completed.

That's all for this first term in our changing building. On behalf of all of us, thank you for your positive comments throughout this term and we hope you all have an enjoyable week off.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

