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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6! I hope you had an enjoyable break from school last week. This is the final term of the school year and an extra busy one as we undertake visits for the children before they enter Year 1 and prepare to move our class back to St Andrew's main site ready for our new Reception intake in September - the children already know that they are "The Last Ever Rainbows!"

Theme: Our theme for Term 6 will be "My World - Growing Up, Moving On" focusing on changes in the natural world, plants, weather and the environment, and thinking about the transition to Year 1 at St Andrew's. Exciting things for this term are the arrival of eggs, planting and growing and our visit to the Cotswold Wildlife Park.

Staffing: Miss Park will be covering my PPA and Leadership times, and at other times when I may need to attend meetings; Mrs Walker from St Andrew's is continuing to join us every Tuesday and Mrs Wright every Friday, to help with the transition to year 1; other staff will visit us too. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Mary Magill, a TA from St Andrew's who will be working with us for a few days each week this term.

Reading: Please continue to read with your child at home, using the "Going Home" book and a Book Band Book (with a coloured Going Home sticker). Please keep all these things together in book bags; it is helpful for children to have their book bags in school every day to transport pictures and other things too.

Visiting St Andrew's: This term there will be lots of opportunities for work around the transition to St Andrew's. This will include visits for the children, a tour for parents/carers, and visits from Year 1 staff. Provisional dates are included at the bottom of this letter and more details will follow.

Uniform: It's great to see many children already wearing school uniform so far this term, and this is a brilliant way to help with transition to Year 1. Please remember to name all clothing and ensure that clothing and footwear is suitable for school.

Reminders:

- Please remember to contact school to explain your child's absence at the start of the school day. Any unexplained absence has to be followed up by a phone call home from St Andrew's office each day. Every absence needs a clear and timely explanation. Thank you.
- Attendance: Children's attendance at school is vital and good attendance and punctuality is expected from every child. Permission for time off must be sought by collecting a Leave of Absence form from St Andrew's school office, (or via the school website) and this must be completed at least two weeks in advance.
- Reminders: If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea please keep them away from school until they have been free from symptoms for 48 hours. If your child is not attending school for any reason, please phone us in the morning.
- Please remember that children should not be bringing toys or other small items into school, such as rings, jewellery, Lego, dinosaurs, toy watches etc. Please check pockets regularly!
- Please remember to let us know if someone other than parents/carers or regular people are collecting your child.
- School finishes at 3pm so please be prompt to collect your child then.

Thank you for your co-operation in all these matters.

Dates Summary:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sat 29 th June	Headington Quarry Bring & Share Lunch – Rainbow Group will be Maypole Dancing! More details to follow.
Friday 5 th July	SASA Summer Fair at St Andrew’s – Volunteers needed to run our two tombola stalls – details to follow; more maypole dancing!
Mon 8 th July	Start of St Andrew’s Health Week – Rainbow’s visiting St Andrew’s for a skipping workshop.
Tues 16 th July	Family Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Thurs 18 th July	“Dress Like a Rainbow” Day
Fri 19 th July	Whole School Swap Day – Rainbow visit to Year 1. End of year reports sent out to parents/carers.
tbc	Meet the Year 1 Teacher and St Andrew’s Tour
tbc	Rainbow Leavers’ Celebration
Tues 23 rd July	End of term – 1pm finish for Rainbow Group (Please book extra Daycare with Linda if needed)

And Finally... We look forward to the rest of the term and the sunnier days. As the weather gets warmer, please remember to help the children to stay safe by:

- having a named hat in school
- having sun cream applied at home before school (any sun cream brought to school should be named)
- covering up in loose clothing and making sure that shoulders are covered
- wearing sensible shoes and socks that are safe for children when running and using the climbing frame and sand pit

As always, do please talk to us if you have any concerns.
Yours sincerely,

Annie Arnold,
Tamar Fernandez, Susannah van den Broek, Mary Magill
Rainbow Group Staff

