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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school to all our children, parents staff and governors. I hope that you all had a restful Easter holiday and are ready for the busy Summer Term. A special warm welcome to our four new pupils -Esme, James, William and Philippa. We hope that you will be very happy in our school and settle in quickly.

Six Elephants – Animated Film

Please let us know if you would like to buy a copy of the above DVD. They are priced at £6.50. Once we know how many are required, we will request them from the company. Please find a reply slip attached. The deadline for reply slips to be returned is May 8th please.

Stations of the Cross

I received a lovely letter from Mrs Megginson on behalf of the Church of St Edith. It thanked the school for our contribution to their Easter services. The models and pictures the children had created around the 'stations of the cross' theme had been admired both by parishioners and visitors to the church during Holy Week. Well done children!

Bishop Wilton Parish Plan

Would you like to contribute to The Bishop Wilton Parish Plan? If so, we have a comments book in school, next to my office door, waiting for your suggestions. Please feel free to come in and write in it at your convenience.

Governor Vacancy

We have a governor vacancy. Mrs Michelle Lucas has stepped down from her role and we are looking for a new parent governor. We are seeking a positive and enthusiastic person to join our hardworking and supportive governor team. Could you represent the views of parents fairly, handle the confidential aspects of this role, and contribute to the upward development of our school? If you are interested please look out for a further letter outlining what is involved or ask in school to find out more.

Headteacher Surgery Time

I am now running a headteacher surgery time every Thursday from 3.00 pm-5.00 pm. This is a drop in facility for parents to come and talk to me about any concerns they have, or pass on ideas for school development. If you are unable to come into school, you may alternatively contact me by phone during this time which is dedicated to parent related issues.

Uniform

Please may we remind you to check that **all items** of school uniform are labelled clearly. This helps considerably when items go astray. Many thanks on behalf of all the school staff.

Sunscreen

It may seem a little too early to be asking you to do this, but sometimes the sunshine can catch us out. Please ensure that on the warmer, clearer days as the term progresses, that the children are adequately protected with sunscreen. It is most helpful if this is applied before the children come to school.

A cap (school caps are available: Baseball Caps cost £3.00 and Legionnaires Cap (which have a flap covering the back of the child's neck) costs £3.25) should also be in school for pupils. Many thanks.

Swimming/P.E.

There will be an extra swimming session/P.E. lesson at Francis Scaife Sports Centre on Tuesday 9th May. Please could the children have their P.E. or swimming things as appropriate.

Headteacher Management Time

You may be familiar with the increasing burden of Headteacher workload through press reports etc. I lost some work time last term due to illness and therefore I will be taking some additional time out from classroom teaching duties during the next few weeks. This is specifically for the purpose of work relating to Staff Performance Management, Special Educational Needs and producing and implementing the School Development Plan. During this period of time, the junior children will be taught by Mrs Catherine Oxford. I intend to return to my normal pattern of teaching on Tuesdays and Wednesdays by half term.

Maths Target leaflets

Please find attached a leaflet outlining ways you can support your child at home with Maths. If you are interested in the leaflet above or below your child's year group, these are now all available on our school website www.bishop-wilton-ps.org.uk. Go to the parents tab and scroll down until you come to a red button. Click on this button.

Student teacher – Laura Seammen

Miss Seammen will be beginning her block school practice here shortly. We wish her the best of luck and hope that she enjoys her time here and will gain a lot from her experience. Mrs Mackenzie will be available as ever to support her and oversee her practice and assist with any of your concerns.

Parent Support – Website

Further advice about how to support your child/ren at home is available on the Parents Tab on our School Website. It includes how to support with reading, mathematics and spelling at Key Stage 2. Further things could be added. Please tell us what you would like to see shared. You could use the Listening Box?

Test Week

The end of Key Stage 2 tests will be taken during the week beginning the 8th May. Year 6 children will be sitting these, but we also assess the year 3, 4 and 5 children during this week too using other materials. They will be assessed in reading, writing and mathematics. The year 6 children in addition to these subjects will tackle a Science paper. This is generally a very 'quiet' week in school and we do not put any undue pressure on any of the children to 'perform'. Our advice as always is to 'try your best.'

Zoo lab Visit

We will be having a visit from 'Zoo lab' on Monday 15th May. (Please see attached letter) This visit will enhance the work that the children are doing in 'Living things - plants and animals'. If you have any concerns please let us know. Please could you sign and return the permission slip if you are happy for your child to participate?

Whole School photograph

The school photographer will be coming to school on Wednesday 7th June - date to take a whole school photograph. We would love to include as many of our pupils as possible (since we now have 40 children on roll!). If you would like to include your Nursery child and they do not normally attend on Wednesdays you can. Please let us know if it your intention to bring them in for this.

Jump Rope for Heart

We would like to participate in another fundraising event and would like to do a 'skipathon' to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. This will involve the children doing a rotation of healthy activities, some of which include skipping, on the afternoon of Wednesday 7th June. We will be asking the children to collect sponsors and all the money collected will be sent to the British Heart Foundation. This will be an additional physical activity that the children can enjoy. It may also rekindle an interest in playground skipping – a fabulous way to maintain fitness levels.

Festival of Sports at Market Weighton School

We would like to invite the Year 2 children to participate in the above event if you are agreeable. It is a fun sports event which involves children from many different schools. If you are agreeable to your child participating, please let us know. Volunteers to assist with transporting the children in cars would be most welcome.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Friday 26 th May	Key Stage Two Sharing Assembly in school at 2.45 p.m.
Wednesday 7 th June	Jump Rope for Heart
Friday 16 th June	Whole School Trip – venue to be decided
Wednesday 21 st June	Visit from the School Nurse
Wednesday 28 th June	Key Stage One Festival of Sport at Market Weighton
Friday 14 th July	Key Stage One Sharing Assembly in school at 2.45 p.m.
Monday 17 th July	Year 6 to Woldgate for the whole day

Topics

Foundation Stage

Farm and the Seaside

KS1

The overall topic is **Our Village**:

Geography – people, land use, environmental change, comparisons with other settlements and follow travels of Scotty Bear to Australia, New Zealand and North America

Science – plants and animals

History – Our village and holidays by the sea.

KS2

Art – Landscapes

Literacy –Author study of Anne Fine

History – Indus Valley

Science – Local Environment

Reminder – Bishop Wilton Spring Fair on Saturday 6th May

Just to remind you that there is a Spring Fair in the village this Saturday. There will be stalls, tombola, raffle, children's games, guess the Cake Weight etc and also the Best Decorated Wellies Competition.

Finally, on behalf of Friends of Bishop Wilton School, I would like to thank all parents and friends for their contribution to the Bags 2 School. A total of £193.50 was raised, which will go towards school funds.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Halley

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Maths Target Leaflet

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I *would/would not like to buy a copy of the Animated Film at a cost of £6.50.

Please find enclosed a cheque (made payable to Bishop Wilton Primary School)/cash for the sum of £.....

Name of Pupil..... Class

Please reply by Monday 8th May 2006 – thank you.