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Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been a busy week with KS1 classes enjoying school trips and Y6 completing their Bikeability course. Feedback from the trainers/outside teachers has been very complimentary about the behaviour of our children.

Swimming Pool

It is very disappointing when the swimming pool cannot be used but we are hopeful that we can improve the reliability of the water in the future. Mr Rayner, our caretaker, will soon be qualified as a pool water operator and will be able to adjust the level of chlorine etc earlier in the morning so that it is ready for use in the afternoon. The pool is a fantastic asset and its value to our children has become evident recently. The swimming instructors at Dover swimming pool, where our Year 6 are currently having swimming lessons, have said that our children are the best primary school swimmers they have ever taught.

Online Safety

There has been an increasing number of incidents over the last few terms where children have been exposed to inappropriate images/videos/games at home on iPads or other devices. The impact on them is significant. Children have come to school frightened and often tired as they have not been able to sleep properly. Some children have described what they have seen in detail to their friends, frightening them too. Please can I urge you all to make sure there are controls on any devices your children have at home and that they are not allowed to watch anything unsupervised. Mrs Duhig has organised two online safety workshops for parents on June 27th at 2:00 pm in the hall and again on July 15th at 9:45 am, straight after our parent celebration assembly.

Dog Mess!

One of our parents has removed dog poo more than once this week from the hedge near the school entrance. If you leave your dog there when dropping off/picking up your child, please check that your dog hasn't left any mess and if it has, please clear it up. Many thanks.

School Library Books

All school library books should be returned by Friday July 8th. There is a new summer library challenge at public libraries which we will share with the children shortly.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Al Higgins'.

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