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Dear Parents and Carers,

We should shortly hear who our new Academy Sponsors are and as soon as we know which Trust this will be, we will inform you. In the meantime, it is business as usual at Heath View; all the children have settled well into their new classes and are working hard. We have seen some very good work, right across the school.

Last week, for the first time ever since we began tracking attendance, two reception classes were in the top three! Classes RM and RW were in 2nd and 3rd place respectively, and as a reward for such outstanding attendance, I have booked a special treat for them for next week! The class in first place, 6DB, will also benefit from this reward and we hope this will be an incentive for everyone to try extra hard this year with attendance.

Until the result of the Isle of Wight court case, appealing against the fine for a holiday in term time was known, the Local Authority was not issuing fixed penalty notices. During that time, all holidays were unauthorised but there were no fines. Now that the decision was reversed, any families who take holidays in term time will be referred to the Local Authority and fixed penalty notices are almost certain to be issued. This amounts to £60 per child, per parent so if there are two parents (and they do not have to be living together or have even gone on the holiday), they will each be issued with a penalty. Therefore, it will not be as affordable as you might think as this could add an extra £240 to the cost of a holiday if there are two children. If the fine is not paid within 28 days, the amount is doubled. Please take the sensible decision to book holidays during the school holiday!

The Police have advised us to keep the Shepley Street gate locked as having so many access points, makes our site more vulnerable and harder to monitor. We are aware that this will cause inconvenience for some people but the decision has been taken in the interests of keeping children safe. It will also reduce the risk of accidents to children and cars on the unadopted road. Please bear in mind that most schools only have one access point for pupils and the police will ultimately expect this for Heath View Academy.

Finally, a group of Heath View Academy pupils were invited to take part in some book week activities at Costa in Trinity Walk. Miss Pickup accompanied a group of Y6 children, who received books on an environmental theme as well as being treated to tasty hot chocolate drinks. As always, the behaviour of our pupils were outstanding and a good time was had by all. Thank you to Miss Pickup and her colleagues for taking the pupils to this after-school activity.

Yours sincerely
Mrs A Million