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Dear Parents,

Sunshine and Stories Reading Picnic – Monday July 3rd 2017

The final half term for 2017 is upon us and with it we have more sunshine and more opportunities to enjoy the fabulous grounds of our school. So this year, we want to get the children (and parents) on to the field for a twilight reading picnic that will promote reading for enjoyment and as a key life skill. The pressure of busy life sometimes means that simple things like relaxing with a good book or reading together are forgotten, yet we all know the value of children hearing us read or them having the chance to read to us.

Our plan is to have the children finish the normal school day a little earlier than normal and head on to the school field in their year groups, where they will find a selection of library books for all ages that they can lay back and read alone, share with friends or even read out loud to each other. Some of our Year 6 children will also be 'storyteller', reading to small groups...and we would encourage parents to do the same. We will also be joined by a guest storyteller who will share some traditional folk tales with the children.

Parents will be invited to join us from 3pm. You are more than welcome to bring along a picnic tea and a blanket to enjoy the sunshine and stories with your children. We will be aiming to wind down at around 5.30pm so please join us for as long or as little as you can. We will send out another reminder nearer to the time, but as we will be outside for longer than usual please provide your child/children with sun cream and a hat to protect them from the heat. We will also be asking for help with blankets, so please look out for a follow-up letter sometime next half-term.

Other details for the afternoon are still being finalised, so if you have any suggestions for how to make this an even better afternoon of Sunshine and Stories, please contact the school office. We look forward to seeing you on the field on July 3rd.

Yours faithfully

Miss L. Pearmain and Mr M. Geraghty
English Subject Leaders