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Subject: Memorial to Mrs. Beckett

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you have asked about what the school is planning to establish a lasting memorial to Mrs. Beckett. Although plans are still at a very early stage, I would like to share some of our thoughts with you.

One project that Mrs. Beckett was very keen to see completed in school, is the installation of a permanent historical timeline, to be situated in the Social Display Area. This feature would help all our children in their understanding of the chronological nature of time. An example of the timeline can be viewed at <http://www.ks2historytimeline.co.uk/>

We firmly believe that any memorial should embody Mrs. Beckett's belief that the children and their learning is paramount. We would like to create an outdoor Wildlife Garden; one which the children could use as part of their Science lessons, but also as an area of quiet reflection and appreciation of nature. This would of course take longer to implement; I would like children to be part of the design – their thoughts are always valued. However, I would also like to begin work on these projects while the current cohort of children are still in school, particularly our Year 6 pupils.

The PTFA had already planned an event on Saturday May 16th. With their agreement, we will instead make this a Family Fun Day, the sole aim being to raise money for Mrs. Beckett's memorial fund. The event would begin at 1pm and there would be a range of activities for families including sporting challenges, maypole dancing, fancy-dress competition, raffles and face-painting. All families would be encouraged to bring their own picnic, although soft drinks would be available to purchase. The cost for a Family Ticket would be £5.00. I realise this is very short notice, however as the event was already planned, we have decided to go ahead with that date. More detailed information will be sent out very soon. If any parents are able to volunteer to help at some point in the afternoon, please let me know as soon as possible. The number of volunteers will of course govern which activities we are able to provide!

I do hope you and your family will be able to join the staff, PTFA and myself at this event. Please complete the attached form and return it to the School Office if you would like to purchase a Family Ticket. Tickets are also available on your Parentmail account. If you are unable to attend the event, you would of course be very welcome to send a donation into school.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. J. Gray
Acting Principal