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Dear Parents and Carers of Glade Hill,

The last half-term was short but super busy including for our Super Year 6s who were completing their SATs. I am so proud of all their progress and know that they will be very well prepared for secondary schools after all this hard work and commitment to their learning. They have lots to look forward to during their final term at Glade Hill including lots of project learning, transition to secondary school work and various enrichment activities. There will also be our usual Leaver's Assemblies that are scheduled for Friday 24th July. Get the tissues ready Year 6 parents and carers!

We again have lots of exciting curriculum and enrichment activities planned for this half-term, including our Year 3s and Year 6s venturing out for their residentials and the Year 6s having a visit to the Notts County ground. I know they will all have an amazing time. As I've shared before, these enrichment opportunities are an important part of our curriculum at Glade Hill, and we are committed to ensuring these continue even with rising costs for transport. It is important that all parents and carers are aware that all trips and visits are dependent on numbers of children wishing to attend for viability and if we do not have enough children taking up the opportunities they may have to be changed as with the Year 6 residential. We will of course continue to review the trips, experiences and visits across the different year groups to ensure breadth of opportunities for all ages as well as affordability for families.

Last half-term our Marvellous Year 5s have been completing the DAaRT programme in their classes. This programme used to be called 'DARE' and was completed in Year 6 but we have moved this important experience to Year 5 to better prepare our children for modern life. The DAaRT Primary Programme is designed for Year 5 and 6 students. It is a refreshed and updated version of our successful DARE Primary programme, evaluated by Nottingham University. This programme equips young people with the knowledge and skills they need to transition from primary to secondary school. It also helps them develop the social and emotional skills required to overcome challenges. For more information, check out their webpage. [The DAaRT Primary Programme - Life Skills Education Charity](#)

This half-term our Marvellous Year 5s will also experience the 'Great Project'. The Great Project is an education and personal development programme for Upper Key Stage 2, designed to promote healthy relationships and domestic abuse awareness. The aim being to help children stay safe and enter healthy relationships as they get older. All our teaching and support staff attended a CPD training session last academic year to support our professional knowledge in this area so we can support our children and families in the best way possible. Further information can be found in the letter going out today and also at <http://www.equation.org.uk/the-great-project>.

As always, if you or anyone you know requires further support or information around this topic, this can be found at: www.junowomensaid.org.uk or www.equation.org.uk/service-for-men/

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As we begin the final half-term of this academic year, I would like to thank you for all your support and commitment to your children's learning. We will be sending out a parent questionnaire this half-term for some feedback on how you view the work we do at Glade Hill and anything you would like to see more of (or less of!) next academic year. Please fill this in as it will be a great help in our planning for next year and I thank you in advance for your constructive feedback.

Towards the end of this half-term, you will also be receiving your children's end of year reports and letters about their new classes. As you know at Glade Hill we have 2 classes in most years, and sometimes classes may be mixed up when moving to a new year group to ensure an equal mix of numbers, abilities and extra support requirements in each class, as this can change in classes over time. If this will be happening to your child's classes, this year, we will always inform you when the decision has been made, and please be reassured that we will always try to take into account friendships as far as possible. We obviously cannot guarantee that we can meet all friendship and parental preferences, but the children in each year group will continue to spend time with each other at break and lunch, and also during other whole year group activities.

As we are also experiencing a reduced number of children entering our school in Reception, in line with many other schools across the City, this has meant that some lower year groups only have 1 class. Due to this, there may be some changes to class organisation in Key Stage 1 for next academic year and we will update you if this effects your child's year group as soon as we know confirmed numbers for September.

This time of change in a school is an exciting time, but we also know that for some children this can result in worries and questions. All children will be discussing transition in their classes towards the end of this term, and all children will have their two class swap days to spend time with their new teachers and TAs. Some children will also receive some extra support around transition, as agreed with their class teachers or our SEN support team. Please speak to your class teacher if you feel your child would benefit from additional support or you would like to discuss things further. There are also some supportive resources for children and families on the following websites that may be useful:

[Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)
[Mental Health Support | NottAlone - Supporting Your Child](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Kindest regards, Mrs Anna Stapleton - Headteacher

