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Dear Parents/carers,

Term 5 update letter

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break. I am writing to update you on a few operational changes that have taken effect from today.

Morning timings

Timings for the start and end of the day remained unchanged. Gates open at 8:40am in the morning and the school day finishes at 3:15pm. We have, however, made some adjustments to session timings within the morning, as detailed below.

9:00 - 9:15am	Assembly
9:15 - 9:45am	Phonics/reading
9:45 - 10:45am	Session 1
10:45 - 10:55am	Break
11:00 - 12:00pm	Session 2

Assemblies

We have timetabled assemblies to mostly take place at the regular time of 9am. Our hall is not big enough to fit the whole school in; where this is necessary assemblies will either be virtual OR timings will be split.

Monday	Virtual Themed assembly (whole school)
Tuesday	Play Assembly (KS1)
Wednesday	Play Assembly (KS2)
Thursday	Zones of Regulation session (whole school in classrooms)
Friday	Power of Purple Assembly (Rec/KS1 - 9am; KS2 - 2:30pm)

Power of purple celebrations


We love celebrating children's achievements at South Borough and so will very much be continuing to issue weekly Power of Purple certificates and badges in assembly on a Friday. We will, however, be changing the celebration from a breakfast to a termly Power of Purple disco, which will take place on the final Friday of each term. Winners will receive a 'Purple ticket' from their teacher and should bring this along to gain entry to the disco. This week will be the final Power of Purple breakfast.

Group photographs of Power of Purple winners will be taken and posted on Class Dojo.

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Keeping parents informed

We understand how important it is for parents to know what their child is getting up to in school. We will be reviewing parent consultations, visits etc ahead of the start of the new academic year. For now, I can confirm the following:

- Teachers will post one Class Dojo entry per week, giving parents a summary of what their class has been getting up to, including some photographs.
- South Borough News will be issued twice per term and will continue to celebrate the success of individuals and events in school.

My hope is that these seemingly small changes will ease timetables within the school day and afford teachers/leaders more time to focus on children's learning and development. Any questions, please ask.

Yours sincerely,

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