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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Friday, we had a whole school celebrations assembly in the hall. It was lovely to come together and celebrate achievements of lots of children. We will continue to have these assemblies on a fortnightly basis.

### New sheds

We have had two large sheds installed - one on the playground in Key Stage One and one on the playground in Key Stage Two. The sheds have been installed to store 'loose parts'. 'Loose parts' are things like cardboard boxes, tyres, crates, tarpaulins, wooden planks, and plastic guttering. Loose parts let children play in many ways – anything from making a pirate ship to an assault course or den. We believe that this will create richer environments for children, allowing them to do what they need to do, to follow their interests and go where their curiosity takes them.

We would be very grateful for any donations of the following (or similar) items for our loose parts play:

# Crates, broom handles, material, planks of wood, trugs, baskets, buckets, cable drums, aqua woggles, traffic cones, carpet tubes, timber sections, pipes, guttering, tarpaulins, cargo nets.

Please could you hand any donations to either our office staff or to one of our members of staff on the playgrounds in the morning.

### **Sports News**

Two groups of Year 6 pupils participated in a tennis event at Telford Tennis Centre. The children were taught by the coaches at the centre and learned lots of new skills.

Our Year 6 basketball team participated in a basketball competition at Wrekin College. They won all four group stage matches, but narrowly lost in the final, taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.

### **Vegetable Project**

This year we would like to create a garden space to grow vegetables which will be used in the school kitchen but will also be available for parents.

We are currently looking for someone to oversee our vegetable project. Someone who knows what we need to make a vegetable plot successful and can give us a plan of what we need to do and how. If you think you could help, please contact Mrs Newbrook.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Osborne Headteacher