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News from Stower Provost Primary School

The school year is racing away now, with almost our full range of Summer Term activities going ahead, although with some adaptations. Our Sports Day will be a slightly quieter affair than normal, and the end of year musical play (Troy Story...) is expected to be performed outside; the swimming pool is due to be in full use when we come back from half term and we may even be able to invite visitors and volunteers back into school later in June. We are all looking forward to this level of normality.

The swimming pool would have been ready much sooner this year, but due initially to the bitterly cold nights its preparation took longer than usual. The children, though, are really looking forward to getting back into the pool and building their proficiency in this vital life skill.

We have held the first of our Bikeability sessions in school. This new version of the old Cycling Proficiency training is another invaluable part of our wider school provision, with the children demonstrating their ability to glance behind them while cycling, to follow a simple route and to use the correct arm signals for manoeuvring. The children enjoy these sessions immensely and it is wonderful to see their confidence growing.

While difficult to imagine, we will soon be starting our transition arrangements for September. As usual, almost all of our oldest children will be transferring to Gillingham School and they are looking forward to their taster day towards the end of this term. We are also looking forward to welcoming in our new Reception class. This year we have more children starting than for many years and, with rising numbers further up the school we are able to offer a separate Reception Class again. Miss Buxton is looking forward to meeting with her new class on a number of occasions before the Summer Holiday, and we are all pleased to welcome Ms Babiy to the team as our new Year 1 and 2 teacher in September as we increase to four classes.

The Parent, Teacher and Friend Association (PTFA) is champing at the bit to organise some more fundraising and social activities. The recent restrictions did not spoil their planting of more than 300 trees with the children, thanks to a grant from the Woodland Trust. This has given us a greatly extended woodland area which will give the children an even more exciting place to explore each day for many years to come.