



Dear parents,

What a scorching week! Thank you for dropping off children at school with sun cream, hats and water bottles—it's great to see them being sun safe. Our Y6 children have been busy with their Young Enterprise project and our Athletics Team have been enjoying competing—a great term of activity and fun.

Class 1 dance day

What an incredible dance! Class 1 had a fun day of creativity and exercise when they worked with Mrs Shaw, an advanced skills dance teacher, to devise a wonderful dance-drama about the fire of London. Mrs Shaw was impressed with the cooperation and ideas from the children. During the performance, we loved the way you worked together to show the fire spreading and were impressed with the way you recalled the sequences. A fantastic performance—thank you Class 1.

PGL

We are delighted the Y6 children have returned from PGL with huge smiles and bags of dirty washing! They had a wonderful time challenging themselves, taking risks and having fun. When I popped up on Thursday they were enjoying the disco and full of stories about their time raft building, canoeing and the zip-wire. The children said:

- All the instructors are really welcoming and supportive.—Freya
- We used our courage to try lots of activities. My favourite was the zip wire where I had to jump off a tree!—Shawn
- I liked the abseiling because at first it seemed really high but I took a risk by going down. I felt glad that I had overcome my fear.—Callum
- My favourite part was doing a 360 down the abseiling tower. I was really proud of myself. Raphy
- Even if you're scared of doing something, just do it because you'll have the time of your life.—Theo

A huge thank you to Mrs Mifflin, Mrs Yorke, Mrs Strang and Mr Dougan for giving their time to support this wonderful opportunity.

Class 2 assembly: Courage

Class 2 led a fantastic assembly on courage which linked to our assembly theme. They explained courage was needed to overcome something which made you worried or frightened. They explained times when they had summoned courage to overcome: playing a football match, swimming for the first time, performing at a dance show and climbing in play areas. The children then recited a poem and sang. Their singing was amazing, they showed a beautiful tone and altered the dynamics with sensitivity—we were really impressed! Thank you Class 2, Mrs Hynes and Mrs Childs.

District Sports

Our athletics team have been preparing for action in the Stroud and District Area Championships through practising this term with Mr Holloway and Mrs Yorke. Mr Holloway is an advanced skills athletic coach and he has kindly shared his expertise with the team to improve their technique. The children have loved working with him and we are grateful that he has generously given his time to support our children. During the District Sport competitions the children represented our school incredibly well. They showed a competitive spirit and good sportsmanship throughout. Well done to the throwers, long jumpers and runners who all contributed to our final place of 5th. We are all proud of your effort and support of each other. Thank you to Mrs Childs for organising the team and to Mrs Mifflin, Mrs Strang and parents for cheering and clapping our team on—I think we all suffered sore throats the next day!

Summer Duck Races

The school Summer Duck Race will be held on Sunday **July the 1st**, starting at 12pm. There will be lots of activities such as the assault course, bouncy castle, face painting, welly wanging and beat the goalie. The School choir, street dance groups and country dancers will be performing too. Refreshments will be available with a delicious BBQ. Of course, the duck races in the river will run over the afternoon—the ducks have been counted and have been on a strict training regime to prepare for their big day. The winning ducks earn their sponsors cash prizes with the final race having a 'double the money' prize. Do come and join us for a relaxing afternoon of fun.

School Clubs

Just a reminder that the last week for clubs will be July 2nd. It has been wonderful seeing the children enjoy themselves, take a challenge and learn new skills. Thank you to all the staff for giving their time freely to lead them and the parent helpers who have supporting circuit training club. You are a wonderful team.

Sports Day

Sports day is on Monday 16th of July at 1.45pm at the school field. Do come and join your child for a fun afternoon of physical challenges or help with one of the activities.

Children need to be collected from the school field after sports day at the usual time. If children go to Mother Goose they will be walked back to school by school staff.

A message from Y6 Young Enterprise

The Year 6 pupils have decided on their company name and product already this year: 'Pebbly the Best'! Raphy and Ben were voted as chair and vice chair of the company and are leading the project. We are designing, making and advertising 'Weight Mates' (painted pebbles) ready to be sold at the Duck Race on Sunday July 1st and at the end of the school day. The designs range from crazy patterns to strange monsters to funny emojis. Come and buy one soon before they run out!

Car Safety

Please ensure children wear seatbelts to ensure they are as safe as possible. Clearly the risk of serious injury if an accident happens is reduced if seatbelts are worn. This is important even on local journeys at lower speeds. If you want to find out more about this issue please see: <http://think.direct.gov.uk/seat-belts.html>

Lunch Money

Please can you ensure your ParentPay account has funds available. The year end is near and Mrs Birch needs to complete her administration tasks which is difficult to do while there are accounts with outstanding amounts owing. Any accounts for Y6 children leaving the school with a credit balance will be refunded.

Dates for your diary

We have listed below some of the key dates for your diary.

June

Mon 4th	- First day of Summer Term 6 for children - Value for learning and life: Courage
Tues 5th	- C2 Dance Day: Parents welcome at 2.45pm - C3 Dance Day: Parents welcome at 2.45pm - PGL Information Evening for parents and children: 6pm
Wed 6th	- Alex Fryer Music Award - New Reception Parent Information Evening: 6pm
Fri 8th	- Robinson Cup & Endeavour Shield Assembly
Mon 18th	- Y6 on PGL residential for the week - District Sports for throwing/jumping at St Matthew's School (Res Wed)
Fri 22nd	- Class 2 assembly-parents welcome for 10am start
Mon 25th	- Value for learning and life: Determination - District Sports for running at Stratford Park (Res Wed)
Tues 26th	- C1 Dance Day: Parents welcome at 2.45pm

July

Sund 1st	- Summer Duck Race—come and join us for an afternoon of fun
Mon 2nd	- Rec, Y1 & Y2 trip to Noah's Ark
Tues 3rd	- Relationship & Sexual Education information evening for Y6 parents 5.30pm
Fri 6th	- Y5 trip to Cool Aeronautics - C1 assembly—parents welcome for 10am start
Mon 16th	- Sports Day: 1.45pm at the school field. Please collect children from the school field.
Mon 16th	- Value for learning and life: Looking back and forward - Optional Parent Evening for parents of Y2 & Y6 pupils
Tues 17th	- Music Celebration Evening 6pm
Wed 18th	- Y3 & Y4 Cheltenham Cricket Festival
Tues 24th	- Last day for pupils - Theatre treat (on site): Oliver Twist - 5.00pm: Y6 leavers assembly for Y6 parents
Wed 25th	- INSET for staff



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Thank you for your continued commitment and support. **Zoe Avastu**