



Dear parents,

What a run of wonderful weather! At school the children have been taking good care of the tubs and garden area by watering regularly. We also have several children who regularly pick up little bits of litter that blow into the school—how wonderful that the children show their care in a practical way. Fantastic job!

Class 1 assembly

Class one led a wonderful assembly on determination. We loved hearing the targets the children were determined to achieve: swimming, getting better at Athletics, riding a bike without help. We loved their song and dance moves too. The children shared a funny story where Percy the Park Keeper helped his friend hedgehog to overcome a problem he was having—popping the balloons he wanted to hold! A great reminder that problems can be overcome with determination and a helping hand. A wonderful assembly that made everyone smile. Thank you Class 1.

Jet Age Museum

The Y5 children enjoyed their recent trip to the Jet Age Museum. They had the opportunity to find out about planes, view cutting edge technology as well as take part in activities. The thoughts of the children:

- Eva: There were two models of a plane undercarriage. We had to race to build it and we won every time! I liked it.
- Oscar: I saw Straten loading system and Moog who construct robotic arms. I had a go and it was fun.
- Daisy: I saw lots of planes taking off and it looked scary. I think pilots have to be brave. I liked learning about different planes—old and new.

Noah's Ark

EYFS and KS1 children loved their fantastic trip to Noah's Ark. They had the opportunity to watch lots of animals and find out about how they were looked after. They also had a play in the park area which proved to be popular. The children were really engaged and behaved brilliantly. The thoughts of the children:

- Lottie: I loved watching the meerkats running. They are my favourite animals.
- Arlo: I enjoyed climbing up the elephant slide. I learned that you mustn't scare animals or they might run and hit you. Horses are faster than humans.
- Rosa: I loved feeding the goat because they tickled my hand.
- Harry: I learned where animals like the beetles that lived in the forest.
- Dexter: I enjoyed seeing the lion because he was very hairy! Lions like to sleep in the shade a lot when it's hot.

Blood!

Class 1 enjoyed Mrs Wroe coming to talk with them about her job and the importance of blood. It built on the recent science day activities where Mrs Pincott came in to lead the children in workshops about what's inside the body. The children learned the job of blood in the body and how important blood transfusion can be. Mrs Wroe explained that in her work place she needed all of her buttons done up or she would get told off—the children have taken this to heart and have been asking their teachers to do up their buttons, even in this heat! Our thanks go to Mrs Wroe for sharing her time and giving Class 1 a great lesson.

Sports Day

Sports day is on Monday 16th of July at 1.45pm at the school field. Staff have been preparing activities and standards for the events so children can enjoy an afternoon of physical challenges. Do come and join your child for a fun afternoon or help with one of the activities—the volunteer board is up at the start/end of the day.

The PA will provide some shade in the form of gazebos but please ensure your child has a hat, water bottle and is wearing sun cream as the weather forecast is still for bright sun on the day. If you could pin two safety pins onto your child's sport t-shirt that would be helpful too.

Also, a little reminder that 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. Many thanks.

Summer Duck Races

The Duck Races were blessed with fine weather this year and a wonderful day was had by all. The burgers were delicious, the castle was bouncy and the ice creams were refreshingly cold. Congratulations to the street dancers, choir and country dancers who performed well. The children loved (with a little embarrassment) their parents joining in with the dancing too—thank you for entering into the spirit. We were treated by a live band performing this year—'Miss Treated' - wonderful entertainment and our thanks go to them. We should also mention the Y6 children who led the tattoo stall, Beat the Goalie game and Y6 Enterprise stall—you did a fantastic job.

A huge thank you to Jen Empson for organising the event so smoothly and to all of our parents who helped with chasing ducks in the river, face painting, selling duck race tickets, cooking burgers, serving cakes and cider, putting up bunting, crossing children over the road, manning stalls and supporting children with their performances. It couldn't happen without you and you gave the school and community a great afternoon of fun.

Lunch Money

Please can you ensure your ParentPay account has funds available. The year end is very 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.

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 of Summer Term 6 for pupils**
- Theatre treat (on site): Oliver Twist
- 5.00pm: Y6 leavers assembly for Y6 parents

- Wed 25th - INSET for staff

September

- Mon 3rd - INSET for staff
- Tues 4th - **First day of Autumn Term 1 for children**
- Mon 17th - Bikeability training week for Y6
- Wed 19th - EYFS and KS1 Parent Information Evening: reading and word skills
- Mon 24th - Class 5 creative dance day linked to theme. 2.45pm parents welcome
- Tues 25th - KS2 trip to STEAM to study WW2

October

- Mon 1st - Book Fair all week
- Tues 2nd - Parent Evening
- Thurs 4th - Parent Evening
- Fri 5th - Y5/6 trip: Anthony Howowitz—Cheltenham Literary Festival
- Thurs 18th** - Harvest Festival 2pm: parents welcome
- **Last day of Autumn Term 1 for children**
- Thurs 19th - INSET for staff
- Mon 29th** - **First day of Autumn Term 2 for children**

November

- Thurs 1st - KS2 Parent Information Evening: Reading
- Tues 13rd - School Photographer: individual & siblings

December

- Fri 21st** - **Last day of Autumn Term 2 for children**

