



A Sunny Return!

Dear All,

The good weather seems to be returning again, which is great after all the windy conditions we've been having recently. The sun always brings a smile to people's faces and it means we can get out and enjoy the grounds we have in school to a much fuller extent. You may have noticed the development of our garden and Forest School area beyond the MUGA. This is something we are hoping to use a lot more in the future and develop further – integrating more of our outside space into the everyday learning experiences of our children. Thank you to Miss Want and Mr Tucker for their hard work so far in developing this area.

Thank you for the many positive messages we received throughout our Parent Evening week. It is always important that we continue to work in partnership together to provide the best education for our children. Thank you again for your continued support.

Staff News

Those of you who have children in Reception will have been waiting for this news!!

Just to officially let you know that in addition to previous maternity news, both Mrs Tolley and Miss Palmer are also expecting new additions to their families. They will both start their maternity leave towards the very end of the summer term and we wish them all the very best. I know that you will also pass on your best wishes as their time for leaving approaches.

Shakespeare Week

As a Hub School for the Shakespeare Trust we took an active part in Shakespeare week this year. Classes incorporated Shakespeare into all areas of the curriculum and had great fun through many different learning experiences.

We had a visit from 'The Sonnet Man' and other Shakespearian actors, which just added to the excitement of the week.

Well done to those of you who went to Stratford at the weekend to see the MidSummer Night's Dream busts in situ at Shakespeare's birth place.

I am sure we will continue to enjoy all things Bard-like in the future.



What an amazing total and a fantastic week of events leading up to the Sliming or Gunking (depending on how old you are!) of Mr Hollidge.

We managed to raise over £750.00 for Comic Relief! A wonderful effort by all.

The atmosphere in the hall was just electric and the noise when that first bucket of slime was poured was amazing.

It was six buckets in total – disgusting, but well worth it for the commitment towards helping others.



March Sporting Update

Our busy sports schedule has continued over the last two terms.

Girls and Boys football matches have taken place, with a mixture of wins, losses and draws, all with a fantastic attitude towards sportsmanship and behaviour that represents the school to an exemplary standard in the community.

Well done to our Year 5/6 hockey team who finished runners up in the Bicester partnership competition and have since gone on to represent the school in the North Oxfordshire finals.

A number of children have also made links with the local Hockey Club after being inspired by their experience. That is great news!

Dogs on School Grounds

As a dog lover it is not always easy to remind people of this, but it is County policy that there are no dogs brought on to the school grounds at drop off and pick up time - this includes being carried by their owners.

After School Clubs

Please look out for the new clubs letter which will be out within the next few days. This letter is for the clubs we will be running after the Easter break. The letter needs to be returned before the holiday and we will give out the return slips in the first week back. Clubs will run from the second week of term for 4 weeks.

We are always looking for new activities and experiences to offer at club level so if you have a talent that could be channelled into a club opportunity and could give up an hour after school, one day a week for a term, then please do contact myself or your child's teacher.

Summer Cabin Club

Please note that we will unfortunately NOT be running the summer cabin club this year. We are hoping to provide this option again in the summer of 2020. I hope this hasn't caused too much inconvenience. Thank you for continuing to support Cabin Club throughout the year. We know this is an appreciated and well-liked service and continues to go from strength to strength.

Easter Holiday Home Needed!!



If anyone would like to look after Bramble, our school rabbit, over Easter, please could you let us know. She has an indoor cage or an outdoor hutch available, both of which would require a car to be transported home.

SCHOOL CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

A reminder that next Thursday will be our school Class Photo day. Please ensure that your child comes to school looking tip-top and Bristol fashion in readiness for their picture being taken.

Online Safety

You may have been aware in the news of the increase in stories relating to children's on-line activity, the types of content they are able to access and the adverse impact this can have on their emotional well-being. It is very difficult to police or monitor what our children are doing all the time, particularly if they have their own connected devices. Please do ensure that you are fully aware of the content your children are viewing. There are some useful on-line safety links for parents on our website.

Search under: Useful Information/e-safety. Please do have a look.

School Gardens

These are looking absolutely beautiful. I actually had to stop as I was running past the other day because they looked so fantastic.

Thank you to the families who have committed to looking after these areas.

A wonderful job so far.
Keep up the good work.

Cabin Club

Notification of Price increase

This Easter Cabin Club will have been established and up and running for 2 years. From the days of starting with just 4 or 5 children a day, we are now in a position where places are at a premium and a waiting list is in operation. As you will know, we have invested in both equipment, staff and substantially in extra space which the children absolutely love. We have always tried to keep this facility as affordable as possible, but after 2 years at the same rates we have decided to increase the session costs for both Breakfast and After school care as from the start of Term 5 (after Easter). These costs will rise by 50p per session with the new costs being as follows:

Breakfast Club £4 per session

After School until 5p.m. £8 per session

After School until 6p.m. £11.50 per session

I hope you will all continue to use this facility on a regular basis. I know that the children absolutely love their time there and positive reports are a regular occurrence.

PE in School

Over the last term we have had a number of children unable to take part in PE lessons because they do not have their kits in school. PE is a statutory part of the curriculum and an increasingly important part of having a healthy lifestyle.

Could you please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school all week so that they are able to take part in the whole curriculum. **Please note that your child can only miss PE for a legitimate reason and that the class teacher needs to be informed of this in writing.**

We will begin to send a note home if your child does not have a suitable PE kit in school. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Attendance and Lateness

Please can I remind everyone of the importance of regular school attendance and arriving on time. I know that we all have an off day now and again and occasionally things happen that cause our schedules to change, but it is important that your child is in school on time. Missing the start of the day can have a negative impact in a number of ways. If too late, then the key input at the beginning of a lesson can be missed and this then needs to be recapped, with the flow and organisation of the lesson having to be adapted at the last minute. Please make every effort to get to school on time and allow your child to access their learning for the **whole day**.

Dates for the Diary

Please see School Life Calendar for full dates

4 Apr - School Photos – class groups
5 Apr - Last day before Easter holiday
23 Apr - First day back after Easter
30 Apr - Mr Davies' & Miss Kardos' class-Batsford Arboretum
2 May - Mrs Davies' & Mrs Edge's class-Batsford Arboretum
7 May - Y1 Music Festival
8 May - Swimming begins for Mrs Langton's Class
13 May - Y6 SATs this week
24 May - Last day before Half Term
4 June - **TUES First day back (Mon 3rd INSET)**
20 June - KS2 Sports- starts after a.m. register
6 July - FOLs Summer Fete 11am
10 July - KS1 Sports - starts after a.m. register
16 July – Foundation Sports - starts after a.m. register
24 July - Last day before Summer Holiday
4 Sept - First day back after Summer holidays