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DATES COMING UP

APRIL

Thur 12 Y1 football coaching starts (3 weeks)

Mon 16 Y3 Egypt experience

Tues 17 Y1 trip to Noah's Ark

Wed 18 Y4 football tourn

Thur 19 Y4 ukuleles start

Fri 20 Y6 drumming restarts

For May and Term 6, see next page

All dates also on the school calendar on the website

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Newsletter 9



Excitement is mounting!
The performance is approaching!

Dear parents,

Welcome to the summer term – although it hasn't really felt like summer yet! Already this week we have had two trips: Y5 going to Bristol Cathedral (with glowing reports from the staff there ("brilliant kids, very engaged, asked excellent questions")); and Y6 visiting the Lifeskills Centre, where the focus is on developing children's safety at home and outside. This is of course a particularly important time for Year 6 and Year 2, who both have National Curriculum tests coming up in May. Our philosophy is to ensure children are well-prepared, but NOT at the expense of the wider arts and sporting curriculum: a well-rounded education is important at all times.

Beauty and the Beast

The big event coming up at the end of term is of course our production of Beauty and the Beast. This will be performed in the Church Centre – there is now more seating available which means we will be able to offer tickets more widely than last year. The children have been working so hard on this, and the result is going to be fantastic!

Dates coming up

A full list of term dates can be found on the next page, including dates for sports days. As last year there will be a 'transition week' near the end of term 6 to give children more opportunity to prepare for September. There are also few changes to clubs: see the website for full details.

Reducing text messages

In response to parent requests we will be sending fewer text messages – but using emails more often. Please ensure your email is up to date. Thank you!

Mark Freeman, Headteacher

Parent Survey

The closing date for the parent survey is today. Thanks for all replies so far. If you would like to complete the survey please visit the school website in the parent zone (consulting parents page).

Hall improvements: sound, lighting and curtains

Most of the hall improvements have been carried out over the Easter holidays: the new sound and lighting system are almost complete, and we are just waiting for the curtains to be fitted. The PTFA has funded all of these improvements, and we will be able to enjoy the benefits for years to come.

Sport News

A great start to the term, with our boys' team defeating Olveston 4-1 in the cup quarter final. With three of the team currently in Year 4, things are looking very good both for this season and the future.

There's lots of sport to come: Year 1 has just begun a 3-week session of football coaching; Year 6 continue with their American football training programme; next week we have a Y4 football tournament and Y5 tag rugby competition. In term 6 there will be some cricket tournaments; the South Glos Festival of Sport; our own sports days; and another swimming gala. In the meantime all children are benefitting from our partnership with Bristol Sport, with coaching in tag rugby and gymnastics.

Sport Premium

If you would like to read a bit more about how we spend our sport premium money, this can be found in the sport section of the website.

Clubs

The new clubs list is available on the school website, with a few changes from last term. Because a lot of staff are involved in Beauty and the Beast this has inevitably meant fewer teacher-run clubs than usual this term.



PTFA news

A big thank you from the PTFA to everyone who collected Evening Post vouchers. We ended up in 6th place, winning £500 which will go towards the next PTFA project. Now that the hall work has been (almost) completed we will be looking at further improvements to the outside areas of the school.

April	Event	Year Group
Mon 30	Y2 Sats start	Y2
May		
Mon 7	Bank Holiday: school closed	All
Wed 9	Y4 Viking experience	Y6/Y2
Mon 14	Y6 SATs	Y6
Wed 23	Y5 parent lunches (also Th 24 and Fri 25)	Y5
Mon 21	Dress Rehearsal Beauty and the Beast	Y2/3
Tue 22	Science WOW day	All
22/23	Beauty and the Beast performances 6.30	various
Fri 25	End of Term 5	All

June	Event	Year Group
Wed 6	New Parents Welcome Event (September intake)	New parents
Sat 9	PM: Bradley Stoke Festival: Y1 football South Glos Festival of sport	Selected Y1 Selected y56
Tue 19	Y6 parent lunches (also Fri 22)	Y6
Wed 20	Transition Days:	Y6
Thur 21	Abbeywood/BSCS/Patchway	
Mon 25	Ridings Induction (+ Tue 26)	Y6
Wed 27	Reception Sports Day 1.30 – 3.00	Reception
Thur 28 th	Sports Day: Y4,5,6 9.15-11.45 Y1,2,3 1.15 – 3.00	Y4-6 Y1-3
Sat 30 th	Summer Fair	All

July	Event	Year Group
Tue 3 rd	Gruffalo performance (Church Centre)	R-3
Fri 6	Reports Out	all
Mon 9	Transition week/Theme week	all
Tue 10	Y6 performance 6.30 pm	Y6
Wed 11	Y6 performance 6.30 pm	Y6
Sat 14	Y6 Leavers' Party	Y6
Mon 16	Y6 to Cattle Country	All
Tue 17	Whole-school picnic Y6 Leavers' service 2pm	All Y6
Fri 20	Last day of school	