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HEADTEACHER NEWS:

As we approach the end of half term, I would like to thank my staff team for their hard work and commitment to ensuring your children continue to receive fantastic opportunities through the curriculum and wider provision. Inter-house competitions remain competitive and now that the sun is shining we are making full use of the outdoor spaces.

As you may have seen, the builders have begun the process of the nursery build. Please be mindful of this when you are on the school site and keep your children safe.

The parental drop in session last week was well attended and parent feedback has been very positive. We are holding another session on July 5th at 9.00am.

The clevertouch demonstration sessions was also attended by some parents this week. We are very excited about the prospect of fundraising for some of the board to be installed in our classrooms and have welcomed the commitment from some parents to help us on that journey. I would welcome any ideas relating to company sponsorship or matched funding initiatives if any parents have such information.

Have a lovely half term break

NURTURE AWARD

We are delighted to announce that our school has gained the "Nurturing Schools Award". What makes this award even more exciting is we are the first school in England, Wales and Ireland to achieve this, only 1 other school in UK has the award. It has taken 2 years of hard work by our Nurture Practitioners, Julie Marks and Jo Tunnicliffe, who have been dedicated to making this a fully embedded part of our school life. The assessors were thrilled with what they saw in our school and with the reports they had from your children. Thank you also to the parents who spoke with the assessors in support of our award. Many children in school have benefited from the nurture work we do daily in school and the work they do with Mrs Marks and Mrs Tunnicliffe. A formal presentation will take place in the Autumn Term.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church happens monthly after school on a Thursday. It is held at Cryers Hill Methodist Chapel, organised jointly by school parents, members of the chapel and St. Michael's Church. Children with their grown-ups attend together. Once registered, the afternoon begins with 'tea' (party style food). Then all gather for a presentation of a particular Bible story with a song and prayers. Everyone then moves on to a selection of craft activities and games related to the Bible story, encouraging discussion and reflection on what has been heard.

Messy Church:

- is a way of being church for families involving fun
- is found across the world
- values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration

Confirmation of dates for Messy Church **15th June, 13th July & 14th September 2017**

TENNIS NEWS

Four of our tennis teams were in action this week - competing with local schools for a place at The Bucks School Games in July.

Tuesday was the first tournament of the week. Both of our year 3/4 teams played well, fighting off all the other schools, we finish first and second overall!

Thursday saw year 5/6 in action - again some exceptional performances, with the year 6 team winning overall and our second team coming third.

Both days featured great tennis, with everyone growing in confidence, as the competition progressed! Our yr 3/4 and yr 5/6 tennis teams have now joined the yr 3/4 hockey team in qualifying for The Bucks Games, on July 7th. Well done everybody!!

Thank you to all the parents who supported the matches.

BUCKS COUNTY SHOW

150th Bucks County Show – Thursday 31st August 2017

The Bucks County Show, which is one of the biggest one day agricultural shows in the Country, will be held at Weedon Park, three miles north of Aylesbury on Thursday 31st August 2017.

The main attractions this year will be The Household Cavalry Musical Ride, The Sheep Show, Vintage Tractors, Countryside Area and much more. This is a fantastic fun and educational day out for all the family.

Keep a look out for details of some free tickets for this event, we will update you when we know more!

ROAD SAFETY

Please be aware that we have had a resident complain regarding a safety concern. This resident has had children run in to his car, when pulling in to his driveway. Please can you ensure that your children are aware of the potential dangers of the drives along the road, and make sure they are not too far ahead of you when walking.

DATES:

Fri 26th May – Break Up for Half Term
Mon 5th June – School starts
Mon 19th June – Sports Day
Wed 21st June – Reserve Sports Day
Sat 24th June – PTA Summer Fair
Fri 30th June – School Disco
Tue 4th July – Transition Day
Wed 5th July – 'Drop In' Session **09.00 am**
Fri 7th July – INSET Day
Tue 11th July – Yr 5 performance to parents – 7 pm
Tue 18th July – Yr 6 Leaver's production to parents – 7 pm
Thur 20th July – Reception Graduation 2.30 pm for parents
Fri 21st July – Yr 6 Leaver's assembly 09.15 am
Fri 21st July – School breaks up for Summer - 1.30 pm

With best wishes
J E Garlick, Headteacher