

4 May 2018

Internet Safety – Developing our children's knowledge and understanding of the Internet and how to stay safe online, is a really important part of the school's PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) and SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education)

curriculum. Our Year 4 pupils were very lucky to have the opportunity to watch a performance of 'In the Net', by a



company on the topic of keeping themselves safe on line. It was a very cleverly crafted play, with strong messages for pupils about the importance of not putting themselves in any potentially difficult/dangerous situations resulting from on-line communication.

On Wednesday afternoon, parent and carers of pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2 were invited to the latest 'Learning alongside your child in class' session. PCSO Sue Pritchard from Coleford Police Station, also joined us for the afternoon and used a series of films to help the children learn about online safety.



The importance of simple rules were reiterated to pupils to keep them safe, including never giving out personal details.

Diary Dates

May

1st – 31st – **KS1 SAT Testing**

2nd – Learning alongside your child in Class **afternoon from 2.00 pm**

14th – 17th – **KS2 SATS Testing**

18th – PTFA Royal Tea Party

22nd – School Council visit to Imperial War Museum and Houses of Parliament

June

5th – Aspirations Day

6th – Cheltenham Science Festival Trip – Yrs 1 & 2

7th – Cheltenham Science Festival Trip – Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6

8th – Cheltenham Science Festival Young Scientists visit

11th – 15th – **Phonics Testing Week**

13th – New Parents Information Evening – Reception intake September 2018 – 6.00 pm

14th – Learning alongside your child in Class – Reading – 9.00 am

14th – Country Dance Festival, Speech House – 6.30 pm

20th – Country Dance Festival (Reserve Date)

28th – KS2 World Sports event (pm)

28th – Parents information session re new classes September 2018 – 3.30 pm

July

5th – Sports Day – 1.30 pm

6th – PTFA Summer Fair – from 6.00 pm

9th – Upper KS2 Topic Celebration – 2.45 pm

10th – Lower KS2 Topic Celebration – 2.45 pm

11th – KS1 Topic Celebration – 2.45 pm

11th – Swimming Gala – 1.30 pm

12th – Sports Day (Reserve Date) – 1.30 pm

17th – Yr 6 Leavers Play performances (1.30 pm & 6.00 pm)

20th – Yr 6 Leavers Service (times TBC)

It was super to see so many parents and carers joining in the lessons and then staying to the assembly where children show cased the online safety work they had been doing.

There is lots of information that can be found on the school website and a booklet will be coming home with every child that has lots of useful information inside for you and your child.

This is a link for parents who would like further information on online safety.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Vacancy in School –

There is currently a vacancy in school for a Mid-day Supervisor. If anyone is interested, the details can be found on the School website, or on GCC school vacancies. Alternatively, please pop into the school office and speak with Helen. The closing date for all applications is **Tuesday, 8th May 2018.**



Attendance - We have had a fabulous couple of weeks and whole school attendance continues to climb – we are now at 96.67%.

Mr Griffin and the London Marathon – The school is extremely proud to report that Mr Griffin completed the London Marathon on Sunday, 22nd April 2018, despite it being one of the warmest London Marathon's on record! Not only that, but he completed the task in a very impressive 4 hrs 55 minutes!!!



Very well done – we are very proud of you!!!

Science Assembly –

Year 5 & 6 Science Ambassadors led an assembly to introduce



our new 'Science Playtime' Boxes. These contain some resources for children including binoculars, bug pots and spotter guides that can be used during playtime.

Fire Station Visit – Following the interruption due to the heavy snow fall in March, this week we were able to rearrange the visit for pupils in Jay and Swift Classes who had missed out before.



The children met up with a pupil from Forest High School, currently studying towards her Duke of Edinburgh Award. The children spent a wonderful couple of hours at the station, learning about fire safety, and even had a chance to use the Hosepipe!!!

Panathlon Challenge at Hartpury College

Wednesday 25th May - A huge well done to our team of 10 children from KS2 who participated in the Panathlon Challenge at Hartpury College.

The challenges included cricket, new age curling, parachute popcorn and many more. The



children had a brilliant day and are very proud of their hard earned medals!

Soccer 7's Tournament at Dean Academy -

Yesterday, a team of 10 Year 5's and 6's took part in a football tournament at Dean Academy.

Ten other primary schools took part and St White's won one game, lost one and drew three.



The team showed some fantastic team work and skills throughout the tournament and some

excellent saves were made by our goalkeeper. Well done to all who participated.

Morning Clubs Success – Breakfast clubs are going incredibly well! The school has an

amazing bank of games and puzzles



that children are thoroughly enjoying using.

The chess is very popular but the fitness activities have really taken off this term. It's



a treat to see the children having so much fun!

SATS – A reminder to all that the Year 6 SATS are not far away now (14th – 17th May). Year 6's are being invited in to have breakfast every morning (Monday through to Thursday), to give them a chance to catch up with their friends and generally have some 'down time' before the start of the day.



The school would actively encourage all pupils to take up the invitation to have breakfast, as we have found in the past that this is a wonderful way of fuelling our children ready for the assessments.

I'm sure you will join us in wishing the Year 6s well for the week.

Next Newsletter – The next Newsletter will be published on Friday, 18 May 2018.



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