



Newsletter 1 Summer Term

Friday 27th April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with sadness that we say “Goodbye” to Mr Sear today. He has been a valued member of our staff for 8 years and we are going to miss him. I’m sure you will join me in wishing him lots of love and luck for the future.

School Values

As you are aware, each term we revisit our school values in our acts of worship, putting a different slant on them each time. Last week we looked at our school value of “Respect” and talked about what respecting the school values means. We explained that they are like our school rules, some of which are written down (e.g. Uniform Policy) and some which are not (e.g. walking around the school building). We also acknowledged that we reward children who keep the school values with hexagons, but rarely impose a consequence if some of the smaller expectations are not adhered to (e.g. wearing incorrect uniform). Having spoken to the children after the worship, it became evident that they are really keen to keep the school values (rules), so can I please ask you to support your children in this.

Sun Safety

Hopefully last week wasn’t the end of the sun this year and things will start to warm up again soon. As per the advice from the OCC Health and Safety Procedure, Health Protection Agency and the Health and Safety Executive, I remind you that we do not allow sun creams in school unless children need it for a medical condition.

Clubs

It has been brought to my attention that some of our Foundation Stage children have been joining the after-school clubs, as older siblings have been sent details of them. Please can I remind you that we do not allow Minnows and Tiddlers at the after school clubs because of their age, as pointed out at the New Parents’ Meetings. The ratio of adults needed is different when the youngest children are involved and it also presents a health and safety issue, especially with sports clubs. I understand that some children are attending Street Dance-Emma is considering changing the time of their lesson, as we don’t want the children upset by stopping them from attending now they have started. More details will follow.

Parent Governor

We would like to congratulate Bonnie Powell who has been elected to be our new parent governor. Thank you to the other candidates; I am sure that there will be more opportunity in the future for you to step forward again.

FoFS Quiz Night

FoFS held their long awaited first Big Fat Quiz of the Year last Friday evening and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our congratulations go to the team "Universally Challenged", who took the trophy home this year, and were obviously far more studious than some of the less competitive teams! There has already been positive feedback on this event and a plea for it to return in the future. Thank you to the staff, Minna, our quizmaster David, the FoFS Committee, and of course all of the teams who supported the event and helped to raise a generous amount for the school. Further news of Summer activities will be following soon.

Sticklebacks Trip to "Walk in the Wilds" Music Concert



On Wednesday 25th April, Sticklebacks class took part in the KS1 Music Festival at the Oxfordshire County Music Centre. We learnt and performed songs from Julia Donaldson's book, a Treasury of Songs, which she wrote to accompany many of her best-selling books. We were also able to meet her as she and her husband



performed the songs with us and one of our lucky pupils was chosen to act with her as one of the animals in 'Room On The Broom'. It was a wonderful experience for the children to sing alongside so many other schools and to be accompanied by a live band. Well done to the whole class for being such great ambassadors for our school and thank you to all the parents who came to watch for supporting us. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Year 6 Parents/Carers

End of Key Stage 2 Assessments (for Year 6 children) are fast looming. Please note that the dates for these are **Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May**. All children must be in school for these. If your child is ill on one of the days of the tests then please contact the school as soon as possible, as we are legally obliged to ensure all children take them and therefore arrangements will need to be made for this.

Kind regards,

Debbie McLeod

Headteacher

SCHOOL DIARY

Wed 2nd May - Year 3/4 Tennis Tournament

Mon 7th May - *Bank Holiday*

Mon 14th May - Year 6 SATS Week

Wed 23rd May - Year 5/6 Cricket Festival

Fri 25th May - *Start of Half Term*

Mon 4th Jun - *Inset Day*

Tues 5th Jun - *Back to School*

Thurs 7th Jun - School Class Photographs

Wed 13th Jun - KS2 Quad Kids

Thurs 21st Jun - Music Concert

Fri 29th Jun - Sports Day

Tues 3rd Jul - Reserve Sports Day

Thurs 12th Jul - Stingrays & Sharks Performance

Wed 25th Jul - Leavers' Service 10am