

Dear Parents/Carers,

Four days. We have been back four days and my 'In tray' is over flowing and the staff are desperate for a break. As I may have said in the past, 'A busy little week'. Although, I have to say that Thursday was not the worst day with half of Wraxall out on trips. A school of 45 children? I could get used to that.

Reception had their first outdoor PE lesson this week, which was a roaring success. Football was the order of the day, with passing and ball control coming to the fore. Mr Bishop thought that they all showed great promise. However, Samuel, Zachery and Sienna were particularly impressive and could easily give Wayne Rooney a run for his money. I can feel a Reception football team coming on, going by the name of the Wraxall Wanderers. Edit: having now seen them in action, I propose we call them the Reception Rippers, as they have a somewhat over-exuberant take on tackling.

Year 1/2 have been looking at ways of keeping an accurate count of how many laps they are managing and generally enhancing their Daily Mile experience (and no Mrs Brierley, cancelling is not an option). So far, various ideas have been floated from collecting counters as they pass by, to filling up a cup with a token after each lap. Most of these suggestions have been generated by the children themselves and have shown some brilliant reasoning and problem solving strategies. I shall be intrigued to see what they go with and whether they can make it Yandall-proof. On more than one occasion, Mrs Y has professed to completing the mile yet coming off the field looking as fresh as a daisy. If you could see the wheezy state she is in having walked up from the layby, you would know something just doesn't seem to be adding up.

On Thursday, Year 3/4 took a short trip into Nailsea, to visit the LIFE Exhibition. The children used tablet software, watched videos and listened to speakers to learn more about Jesus and what he means to Christians. One of the very interesting aspects of the exhibition was how the adults encouraged the children to think for themselves and consider who they believed Jesus to be: the son of God, a good person or maybe just a man who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. I know I'm starting to sound like a broken record but, as ever, they were a real credit to themselves and excellent ambassadors for the school.

While Year 3/4 were at the Methodist Church, Year 5/6 had a whale of a time @Bristol, which they used to kick off their electricity topic. When you ask them what they enjoyed the most, their answers ranged from throwing the iron sand against a magnet so it 'froze' in almost ice-like stalactites; to completing electric circuits which ran through *Playdough* to light up bulbs; to taking selfies linked to the answers they gave to a food quiz. However, the clear favourite, by a country mile, was the bee section. Here the children learnt about how the bees communicate with each other through moving their feet in specific sequences. In itself, this is interesting but possibly a strange choice to hang the 'favourite' tag on. Well, when you factor in that they forced Mr Fossard to dress up like a bee and mimic their dances (while being filmed), the reasoning starts to become a little clearer. I hear that a couple of the Year 6s can sort you out with photographic evidence if you would like to see Mr Fossard in full bee glory... for the right price. Five packets of Haribo and a copy of The Beano and they are yours.

This time our Stars of the Week are Beau & Rory in Reception, Theo & Harvey H in Year 1/2, Nelly & Louis P in Year 3/4 and Archie & April in Year 5/6. What a great way to kick start the term. Well done to Griffins who had the most conduct marks and also the highest number of work marks. A big effort from Dragons this term. After sweeping all before them last year, they have been

a little off the pace this time around and could do with getting involved this term. It is lovely to report that William M, Otis & Rose have earned their bronze badges and Ivan, Frankie and Rebecca were awarded their platinum badges.

The 6 Nations returns to our screens this weekend and I have managed to broker a deal with Mrs T which actually allows me to watch it. In fact, I can watch both the games scheduled for Saturday... as long as I decorate the lounge. Never has stripping wallpaper looked so attractive.

Have a lovely weekend, play safely and take care.

Mr Tucker

### Coming up this week:

**Saturday - Parents Evening Booking system opens**

**Tuesday - Swimming for Year 3 & 4**

**Thursday - World Book Day (optional Dalmation costume!)**

### Lunchtime Football clubs

From next week the lunchtime football clubs will switch. KS2 will take place on Monday and KS1 will take place on Tuesday. This will mean that catching the coach for swimming doesn't have an impact on the club.

### Thursday After school club

This term instead of Rugby the club will be athletics. If anyone wants to join for the remainder of their term then the cost will be £17.50. Alternatively you can pay as you go - £3.50 per session.

### Parentpay

As we approach the end of the financial year please can I ask that (with the exception of the residential trip) all trips, clubs and dinner monies are paid for. The deadline for money from parentpay being received in to this financial year is 15th March. As you may appreciate this is actually two weeks before the end of the financial year and therefore, if you are in a position to, please could you estimate your dinner money expenditure for the last two weeks of term and credit your dinner account accordingly.

Your support with this is much appreciated.

### Music Lessons

If your child would like to start having music lessons after Easter then please enquire at the school office. We must place our order for lessons with North Somerset Music service by 7th March.

### School Trends

Please be reminded that there are a selection of coats, bags and a PE hoodie available to buy with or without the school logo from School trends. Today your child has brought home a leaflet regarding sizing and a business card with more details.

### **Request for Year 3 & 4**

Year 3 & 4 would gratefully receive any donations of old wallpaper that you may have at home. Also, as part of their outdoor activities and developing their skills in writing instructions, they are going to be erecting two or three man tents. If you have any (simple ones) that you would be prepared to lend to the class then could you let Miss Madge know on Monday. The activity is planned for Thursday. Thank you.

### **Church News**

**Sunday 6 March 10:00 - Mothering Sunday All Together In Church (ATIC), All Saints' Wraxall Church**

A service of music, words and prayer for all ages.