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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all enjoyed the Half Term break.

Partnership Funding Letter

You will be receiving a letter today sent on behalf of the Witney Partnership of Schools regarding government funding to schools. We have been discussing in recent months the worsening financial situation in schools and the year-on-year cuts to public funding, and in particular, to our school budgets. At The Batt, we have always worked hard to provide the best possible education to all our children, often with limited resources and reducing budgets, and clearly, we are fully committed to continuing to do so in the years to come. However, we would appreciate your support in lobbying and communicating with our local MP and the government to encourage an improvement to the funding provided for schools to enable us to continue to provide the children with the best possible support, resources and opportunities. Thank you.

Year Six Residential

Parents of Year Six children will have received a letter confirming final arrangements for next week's residential trip to Shropshire. Please refer to this for details of what the children should bring with them e.g. sleeping bag, pillow etc. We look forward to seeing everyone at Sainsbury's car park at 10.15am, however, if it is more convenient for you to drop your child off at school at the usual time, that will be fine. We hope they have an enjoyable week. Please follow their activities and progress on the website in the gallery tab.

Year Five Trip

The Year Five children had a great trip to Poole and Swanage yesterday. Having explored Poole Harbour, we took a boat trip along the Jurassic Coast to Swanage, played on the beach, swam in the sea and ate fish and chips, finishing off with an ice-cream. The children were marvellous, and it was wonderfully organised by Mrs Woodage. I would like to thank all the staff for accompanying the children on the trip. Photographs are available in the gallery section of our website.

Infant Dads

It was lovely to have so many dads of Infant children visiting the classes this week, joining in activities and sharing their expertise. I hope they enjoyed it as much as the children did.

Class Photographs

All classes, except Year Six, had their photographs taken today, despite the weather! You will receive proofs of the photographs of your child's class in a week or so and if you would like one, please ensure you place your order by the date on the envelope. The Year Six children will have their leavers' photograph taken on Friday 21st June, as this will need to be taken outside due to the amount of people in the photograph.



Stella Haley

We are all very saddened to hear of the passing of one of our former colleagues, Stella Haley, this week. Stella worked as an Admin Assistant and Teaching Assistant for many years and left in 2012. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with her husband, Stuart, and daughter, Tilly, as well as the rest of the family at this very difficult time.

Lower Junior Tennis

Having qualified via the Witney Schools' tournament last month, our Lower Junior Tennis team took part in the West Oxfordshire tournament yesterday. Competing against some strong players from the area, our team played well but unfortunately lost their matches. Well done to everyone for reaching this stage and for playing so well.

BSA Summer Fayre

We are all looking forward to the Summer Fayre on Saturday 22nd June. In preparation for the day, we would like to invite the children to come to school in non-uniform on Wednesday 19th June, in return for donations towards the fayre. We would like Infants to bring in bottles (preferably full of wine etc!), Lower Juniors to bring in sweets and small gifts such as pens, pencils, rubbers etc., and Upper Juniors to donate gifts for the Tombola please. A letter will go out next week to confirm this. Thank you very much in advance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Chris Payne
Headteacher

