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# April Newsletter!

19<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to school, I hope that you all had a restful Easter break. As you can see from the “dates for diaries” page attached to this letter, there will be lots going on during the summer term. There are already some wonderful displays of classwork around the school. Class 3’s Egyptian display is most informative; Class 2’s lambing trip photos in the Library area are well worth looking at; Class 1’s Spring display features lots of baby animals and Nursery children are building towers!



Please find some other updates below:

## OfSTED Visit

As you are all aware, we were visited by OfSTED on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Their report-to-parents letter will be issued shortly. I would like to thank all of the children, and parents, who took the time to complete the OfSTED survey, or who spoke with our inspector.



## Staff Update

After a very robust interview process, which involved a very strong selection of candidates, we have now appointed Mrs Nikki Sexton as our new School Secretary. Mrs Sexton will be starting at the school early in June to allow a comprehensive hand-over with Mrs Rowe. Welcome Mrs Sexton!



## Governor Updates

In addition to the recent appointment of Mrs Lambert as a parent governor, I am also very pleased to confirm the following Foundation Governor appointments: Mrs Emma Murch and Mrs Elizabeth Pinnington.



Here are “usual reminders” for this term .....

## Suncream, Sunhats and Drinking Water

As the weather – hopefully - takes a welcome turn for the better, please could we ask parents to provide their child with a sun hat and when appropriate apply sun cream. Furthermore it is vital for the children that they remain well hydrated so bringing in a bottle of water for the classroom would be much appreciated.

## PE Kits for Summer Term (All Children Require Daps) & Uniform Shoes

PE Kit reminder: parents please check (**and name**) your child’s PE kit which will need to be in school over the next term. The kit is: navy or black shorts, plain white T-shirt (no logos please) and black daps (it is worth checking dap sizes as they grow so fast!). Please could we also remind parents about the uniform code for shoes: *Sensible, school-style, low heeled shoes should be worn, giving full support to the ankle. Trainers, Crocs, sandals, boots or any high heels are not allowed to be worn during the school day.*

## Bikes and Scooters to School

Can I remind everyone that NO child should ride their bike/scooter unaccompanied to school. For those (accompanied) children riding to school please ensure that helmets are worn.



## Teacher-Led After School Clubs

Please look out for details of the after school activity clubs on offer this term (*booking forms will be sent out very shortly*). Spaces in some clubs are limited and will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis. The charge for clubs will remain at £1.00 per session, except for JAM Club - which the church will continue to provide free of charge, and of course Tom’s Club. **Clubs will begin on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. They will finish on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.** Clubs on offer are:

Day	Club & Venue	Club Leaders
Monday	JAM & Cakes Club (Years 1-4) - Hall	St Dubricius Church Team
Tuesday	Ground Force Club Years 2 & 3 (10 spaces)	Mrs Burt
Wednesday	Running Club Years 3 & 4 (20 spaces)	Mrs Oakley/Mr Blazey
Thursday	Multi-Skills/Cricket Years 3 & 4 (20 spaces)	Coach Tom Wright
Friday	Catchball Matches – Until 9 <sup>th</sup> June - Years 3-4 Cricket Matches – from 16 <sup>th</sup> June onwards – Years 3 & 4 By invitation only	Mr Blazey

**Please note: Coach Tom’s morning club (and his Thursday afternoon club) will run throughout the summer term.**

Chris Blazey – Head Teacher

Please find some Dates for Diaries on the next page:



# Dates for Diaries – 2016-2017 – Summer Term

## April

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Pinkery Trip – Year 4	Pinkery Centre
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## May

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY	School Closed
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Teacher Led Cubs Begin</b>	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Curriculum Governor Meeting	3.00 pm – Staff Room
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Church-School Group Meeting	3.15 pm Church Office
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Drop In Session	9.00 to 10.00 am Oak Wing
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	FROSTS Meeting	3.30 pm – Staff Room
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Full Governing Body Meeting	7.00 pm – Staff Room
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	ECF School Council Meeting	1.30 pm - MMS

## Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term Week

## June

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Half Day Visit to MMS	1.30 pm - MMS
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day	2.00 pm – Porlock Rec
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – RESERVE	2.00 pm – Porlock Rec
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Country Dancing	TBC
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Parents' Meeting	6.30 pm - MMS
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Teacher Led Clubs Finish</b>	

## July

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Move Up Day	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Area Sports Day	Knights Templar
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	ECF Orienteering – Year 4	Knights Templar
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Drop in Session	9.00 to 10.00 am Oak Wing
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Full Governing Body Meeting	7.00 pm – Staff Room
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers' Service	2.00 pm – St Dubricius Church

## Advance Dates

### September

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET DAY	School Closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	School Returns	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Class 3 Flying Scotsman Trip	

### October

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photo Day	Staff Room (Portraits)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Class Photo Day	Hall
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY	School Closed
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET DAY	School Closed

