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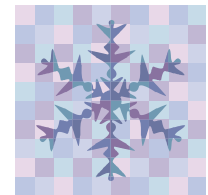
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Spring Term 2017 Newsletter



Dear Parents

A Happy New Year to all of our families.

It has been a real joy to catch up with the children this week and hear of their Christmas adventures. It sounds as if they had a wonderful time. As we reflect on the festivities it seems appropriate to thank all the staff, parents and volunteers who made our run-up to Christmas so much fun and so successful. Our collections in aid of Children in Need at the Nativities raised £230.38. This is in addition to the children's efforts on the day to give a grand total of £330.38; thanks to all who were so generous with their donations.

A Look Ahead

We look forward to a really exciting term ahead. This week Class 2 start their swimming lessons. In a couple of weeks the Year 3 children will be off on their annual Bristol Residential when they will be exploring many of this vibrant City's attractions. Activities will include watching the fantastic Chitty Chitty Bang Bang show and a trip around the harbour. Year 4 will be going to Wells Cathedral later in the term as part of their leaving pilgrimage and a small group of Year 4s will also be representing the school in the annual Football Gala (the culmination of the Friday football season which has seen 20 of our children represent the school in inter-school games). Class 1 and Nursery will continue with their weekly Forest School provision. My thanks go to all the staff and volunteers and helpers who give of their time so freely to enable our children to have these fantastic experiences.



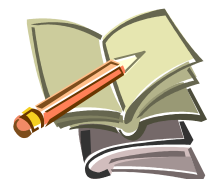
Cookery Monies 2017

A very big thank you to all of those parents who kindly handed in their (voluntary) cookery monies contribution; this really helps us to defray the cost of ingredients for class cookery.



Data Check 2017

Thank you to all of those parents who have returned their Data Check forms (please note: *Nursery* family forms will be sent out very shortly). This helps us to ensure that we have the most up to date details relating to your child. Whilst we have received the majority of the data sheets back, if you have not returned yours please could you do so as soon as possible - it is vital that we have the latest contact and medical details on our system.



Please also note the *Privacy Notice* (2017) which was also sent out in your mailing; copies are also on the school notice boards and website. This Notice explains why we collect data and who we may be required to share it with.

PE Kits Reminder (All Children Require Daps)

PE Kit reminder: parents please check (**and name**) your child's PE kit which will need to be in school over the coming term. The kit is: navy or black shorts, plain white T-shirt and black daps (it is worth checking dap sizes as they grow so fast!). We will be asking the girls to tie their hair back for sports/games sessions. 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.*



High Visibility Jackets – Avon and Somerset Constabulary

I would like to thank our local PCSO, Linda Brooks for arranging the donation of high visibility jackets to our school. These will be particularly useful for our younger children out and about in our community.



Piano lessons

We are delighted to announce that piano lessons are starting this week and there are still a few spaces if anyone would like to book a (parent funded) lesson. Please come and speak to me and I will get further details for you.



Attendance

Please can we ask that you inform the office if your child is unwell and not able to attend school. Furthermore, may we remind parents that school starts at 9.15 am; if children are late it disrupts their own and others' learning. The attendance of most children last term was good and we are – as a school - currently running at 96.2% which is significantly higher than in previous years. Also, just to clarify, in spite of many press articles to the contrary, holiday leave is still only granted in *exceptional circumstances* and the school takes the view that every day of attendance is in the child's best educational interest.



Topic Webs

Please keep an eye out for this half term's topic web. In addition to the weekly homework this will help to share our curricular aims for the topic and any work done at home would be more than welcome in school to broaden and add to our studies.

Dates for Diary

Please see below.

Chris Blazey
Head Teacher



Dates for Diaries – 2016-2017 – Spring Term

January 2017

Friday 6 th January	Class 2 Swimming Begins	Minehead
Monday 9 th January	Teacher-Led Clubs Begin	School
Wednesday 18 th January 2017	Full Governing Body Meeting	7.00pm
Wednesday 25 th January 2017	ECF School Council Meeting	MMS
26 th & 27 th January	Year 3 Residential Trip	Bristol
February		
Wednesday 8 th February	Class Photo Day	School Hall
Friday 10 th February	INSET Day	School Closed
Monday 13th Feb to Friday 17th Feb Half Term Week		
Wednesday 22 nd February	Parents' Evening (1)	4.00 to 6.00 pm
Friday 24 th February	Outreach Drop-in Session	Oak Wing - 9-10 am
Monday 27 th February	Parents' Evening (2)	4.00 to 6.00 pm
March		
Wednesday 1 st March	Parents' Evening (3)	4.00 to 5.00 pm
Monday 6 th March	Year 4 Pilgrims' Trip	Wells Cathedral
7 th & 8 th March	ECF Musical	MMS - TBC
Wednesday 15 th March	Full Governing Body Meeting	7.00 pm
Friday 24 th March	Outreach Drop-in Session	Oak Wing 9-10 am
Friday 24 th March	Teacher-Led Clubs Stop	School
Monday 27 th March	Easter Event	TBC
Friday 31 st March	Easter Service	2.15 pm - St Dubricius Church
End of Term – School Back on Tuesday 18th April		

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