

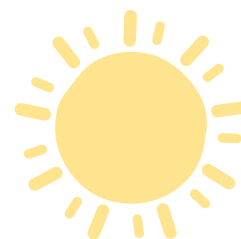


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NEWSLETTER

Is summer going to stay?

What a lovely week it has been! It has also been a very busy week and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying taking some of their learning outside, whether it be reading, art or science. We had our Governors join us in school on Monday as part of their role; they were so impressed to see the children in action in the classrooms and to hear from some of them how positive they feel about school, their learning and some of our upcoming summer events.



Earlier in the week, I sent an email which contained an overview of dates as they stand for the summer term. I have included them within this newsletter too.

As the weather improves (and hopefully stays with us), can I ask that you ensure that your child has a sun hat and a water bottle in school every day. Alongside this, please apply a long-lasting sun cream before school to ensure they are protected across break and lunch. If they require a second application, please send in sun cream in a named bottle and make sure the child is able to apply it themselves, we do not allow children to share suncream so please reiterate this message at home. Can we ask that Nivea branded suncream is not brought to school as it may contain nuts.

It has also been lovely to see more of our children and families cycling to school over the last few days, this is both great exercise and helps to relieve some of the traffic congestion at drop off and collection time. Just a reminder that all cyclists should be wearing helmets! If you are allowing your Year 6 pupil to cycle to school by themselves, please reiterate messages of road safety and only do so if you are confident that they have a good awareness of road safety.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend, see you all on Tuesday.

Mrs Housden

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our recent Stars of the Week...

Friday 25th April- Elias, Olivia, Harriet, Grace, Lucas & Teddy

Friday 2nd May - Eric, Pippa, Rosie, Mia, Eli, Freddie



VE Day – Thursday 8th May

We are inviting the children to wear Red, White and Blue on Thursday to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

No football or sports kits please. For anyone who would prefer to remain in uniform, perhaps red/white/blue socks or hair accessories could be worn.

We have also arranged a 'British themed lunch' of battered fish fingers and chips with a cupcake for dessert. Please book in the usual way.



Summer Term Dates

Date	Event	Details
Tuesday 22 nd April	INSET DAY	
Thursday 24 th April	Y5 Maths Challenge	4.15-6pm @ The Bellbird Primary
	Governors	Curriculum committee 7-8.30pm
Friday 25 th April	Class Photos (am)	
Monday 28 th April	Governors In-school Day	See timetable
Wednesday 7 th May	Class Assembly – Yew Class	9am
Thursday 8 th May	VE Day	Invited to wear red/white/blue, special themed lunch
	PTA AGM	7pm, School Hall
Mon 12 th – Thurs 15 th May	Year 6 SATS	
Thursday 15 th May	DEMAT Parent Consultation Meeting	4-5pm, School Hall
Monday 19 th May	Hazel Class visit to Anglesey Abbey	
Tuesday 20 th May	Governors	Curriculum committee 7-8.30pm
Wednesday 21 st May	Class Assembly – Hazel Class	9am
	OPAL Prep meeting	
	Governors	FGB 7-9pm
Mon 26th – Fri 30th May	HALF TERM	
Monday 2 nd June	INSET Day	
Tues 3 rd – Fri 13 th June	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th June	Phonics Screening Check	All year 1 and some year 2 children
Thursday 12 th June	Wizard of Oz	Visiting production performance to whole school 9.15am
Tuesday 17 th June	Class Assembly – Ash Class	9am
	Hazel/Yew/Oak Classes Sports Day	9.30-10.45am
Wednesday 18 th June	Class Assembly – Birch Class	9am
Thursday 19 th June	Acorn/Ash/Birch Classes Sports Day	9.15-10.30am
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 6 First Aid Training	9-11am
Wednesday 25 th June	Class Assembly – Oak Class	9am
	New Reception Parent Meeting	2pm
Mon 30 th June – Fri 4 th July	Year 5 Bikeability	More details to follow
Wednesday 2 nd July	Class Assembly – Acorn Class	9am
	Year 6 Transition Day to BVC	
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day to BVC	
Monday 7 th July	Governors	FGB 7-9pm
Wednesday 9 th July	PROVISIONAL: Internal Transition Day	
Friday 11 th July	Rocksteady Concert	1.45pm
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Production	6.30pm Performance to families
	End of year reports to go home	
Friday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party	5-7pm, more information to follow
Wednesday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Year 6 parents invited – 9.30-10.30am
	END OF TERM	

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Acorn Class

Hello from Acorn Class,

We have begun our new topic 'Kings and Queens'. The children have been learning all about King Charles. We have looked at the Union Jack flag and created our own as well as designing and making crowns fit for the Royal Family.

In Phonics we have started learning about adjacent consonants in words like 'from' and 'kilt.' We call these CVCC or CCVC words (the 'c' stands for consonant and the 'v' stands for vowel).

The children have been super excited this week as we have been learning the teen numbers. Each day we have learnt about a different number using the NumberBlocks, Numicon, Dienes Blocks, number lines, cubes and other resources too. The children particularly enjoyed setting up a number hunt using post-it notes and pens – perhaps you could try this at home?

We have rearranged the children's colour groups so we now have only four groups. 'Show and Tell' will be every Friday. This Friday was the turn of the red cherries and next Friday will be the yellow bananas, followed by the green apples and then the purple grapes. Your child's group has been put in your child's reading record. The theme for the half term is 'Kings and Queens' so think castles, knights, dragons, princesses!

Have a great weekend!

The Acorn Class Team

We have run out of boys spare clothes, particularly pants and shorts/trousers. If you have borrowed any, please return them to school washed. If you have any that your child has grown out of and are happy to donate to the school, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Ash Class

Highlights in Ash class this week have involved planting strawberries and sunflowers for a science experiment, writing poems about a dragon and taking photos in Art to create a cubism painting. Ash class are working very hard leading up to their phonic screening check in June so please keep up with phonic practice and reading at home.

A little reminder that water bottles, sunhats and reading book wallets are needed in school daily.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Mrs Tidey and the Ash class team

Birch Class

In Birch Class we have been studying the work of Mimi Gray and her 'Traction Man' series of books – a humorous take on the life of a super hero. We are focusing particularly on proper nouns and how the personality of the main character is conveyed through speech.

Our RE lessons are focusing on Sikhism and Guru Nanak, the 'first Sikh Guru' and how his teachings affect the lives of Sikhs today.

We are looking at Western Europe in our Geography lessons and have been locating different countries.

Mr Beavan and the Birch Class Team

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Hazel Class

In Hazel class, we have started the summer term with enthusiasm and great commitment to learning. In History we have started looking at 'Law and Order,' which led to the great debate of who should own the 'Elgin Marbles?' 'This House Believes that the Elgin Marbles should remain in Britain.' The motion was carried as it was agreed 3:1 that the Marbles should remain in Britain. 'Geography of Western Europe' was taken on location so that we could enjoy our temperate climate even if it is a little unseasonal at present. Some areas, like southern Britain, Germany and France could see temperatures reach 25-28°C later in the week due to high pressure. For example, in London, the forecast for this week is 22°C / 9°C, while Paris is expected to have temperatures of 23°C to 11°C. Overall, it is a time of year with pleasant weather in many parts of Western Europe. In Science we have continued with sound. This week we asked, 'if you could have any pair of animal ears to improve your hearing, whose would you have?'

Have a lovely weekend.
The Year 4 Teaching Team

Yew Class

Firstly, welcome back to a busy Summer term. In English, we are continuing with our unit of work on our text 'Coming to England'. We wrote a diary based on some of the main events of the book and we are now studying poems about migration, using Michael Rosen's 'On the Move' as inspiration. This week, in Maths, we have finished working on the unit about decimals and percentages. We have a couple of shorter units next on area and perimeter, and then will be moving on to statistics. Elsewhere, in the curriculum, we are focussing on the following:

- Science: The hardness of material
- History: The Industrial Revolution
- Geography: New Zealand and the South Pacific
- RE: Islamic faith
- PSHE: Conflict Resolution
- Music: Singing in different styles of music.
- Art: Print Making
- German: Weather and Countries
- PE: Athletics and OAA

Thank you for your continued support.

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Oak Class

As you have probably heard, we have spent the majority of our time since returning from the Easter break preparing for S.A.T.s. The children are generally coping well with this change to their usual routine and are looking forward to making up the lessons in other subjects after the test period has finished. We are currently continuing with Art, P.E., P.S.H.E. and R.E. and have begun a new unit on Buddhism in R.E. and in P.S.H.E. we are exploring ideas around safe and unsafe risk.

Thank you for all your help and the support that you have given to your children to complete their Easter holiday homework, we could not be where we are now without you. If your child (or you!) are feeling anxious about S.A.T.s over the next few weeks, we hope that this small poem might help.

With thanks for your continued support.

The Year 6 team.

*SATs don't measure sports,
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.*

*SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons,
You were put upon this earth.*

*SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.*

*SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.*

*So sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
Remember you're the best!*

OTHER NEWS/NOTICES



ABINGTON PIGOTTS SPRING PLANT SALE

In aid of the Village Hall and Church

Sunday May 11th

Abington Pigotts Village Hall

10 am - 1 pm

**A perfect start for your garden this
spring - come and enjoy a bacon buttie
or a piece of cake and pick up some
lovely home grown plants**

