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Newsletter 32 – 26th May 2017

'We are proud of our similarities and differences.'

Diary Dates

Being Proud

Back to School

JIA Day – Wear Purple PTA Meeting – all welcome

Y4 Assembly Y2 Longleat Visit

Whole School Sports Day

School Production

School Production Y2 Assembly

Y6 Leavers Party

PTA Summer Fair

Monday 5th June

Friday 9th June

Friday 9th June 3:20pm

Monday 19th June 2:45pm

Wednesday 5th July

Thursday 6th July 9:30am start

Tuesday 11th July 6.30pm

Wednesday 12th July 6.30pm

Friday 14th July 2.30pm

Friday 14th July 6.30pm

Saturday 15th July 11.00-1.00pm

INSET Days

Friday 1st September 2017 Monday 30th October 2017 Tuesday 31st October 2017 Monday 18th December 2017 Friday 9th February 2018

Headteacher's News

I can't believe that it is already the end of Term 5!

We have had a very busy term and, although short, we have managed to squeeze in a lot. Term 5 is always the 'testing' term. Because of all of the whole school work we have done on our Learning to Learn characters, the improvement in the resilience of our children and their ability to tackle something they find tricky with confidence, is really noticeable. I am very proud of them.

And finally, we have started to organise our Sports Day. Last year, a few of you said that, because of limited time due to work commitments, you would like to know in advance the rough start times for races. We have taken that on board, but if you have any other suggestions, please let the office staff have them as soon as possible.

Enjoy your half term holiday. Let's hope that this good weather continues. **Deborah Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Corey Year 1 Oak: Isaac Year 2 Ash: Shemaiah Year 3 Lime: Dylan Year 4 Maple: Tyler Year 5 Sycamore: Lauren Year 6 Cedar: Charlie



Attendance Total 96.2%

YR Cherry 96.4% Y1 Oak 94.9%

Y2 Ash 96.9%

Y3 Lime 96.2%

Y4 Maple 96.1%

Y5 Sycamore 96.3%

Y6 Cedar 96.2%



Reading Certificates

Reading 10: Tom, Sebastien

Reading 20: Hope, Ivee, Hannah, Bence

Reading 30: William, Olivia, Marieanne, Sam, Alicja

Multiplication Masters

Katie, Kamil, Marcel, Evie, William, Connor, Rosie Hollie-Rose



Sparkling Starts

The display boards outside each classroom have been prepared ready for the varied contributions we are expecting from the children. Remember, for our Sparkling Starts, anything is welcome.

Next terms topics are as follows:

- YR Where shall we go?
- Y1 Tales around the World.
- Y2 What does Hakuna Matata even mean? a study of Africa
- Y3 What do plants need to survive?
- Y4 Who were the Vikings?
- Y5 What makes Brazil unique?
- Y6 Whatever Next! moving on.

New Behaviour Policy

From next term, we are trialling our new behaviour policy. This is in response to what the children have told us and what you told us through the OFSTED survey in January 2017.

We hope that it will reward those making good choices more readily and will be clearer and more consistent for children and parents about what happens if poor behaviour choices are made.

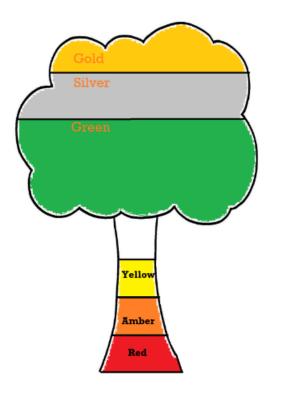
All classes will use the 'Courtney Behaviour Tree' to make it clear to children what kind of choices they are making during the day. The children have been told about how this will work in assembly last Monday and some parents attended an information session with myself this morning. Thank you very much for those of you who attended and for your contribution to the discussion.

If you would like further information about the detail of how it will work then please see our school website.

We will be reviewing procedures throughout the coming weeks and making tweaks where needed.

Thank you to Mrs Harbury for making the trees for each classroom.

Mrs Gee



Isle of Wight Talent Show

During one wet night whilst on the Isle of Wight, we held a Talent Show. Each room were asked to showcase one talent. One Y6 room composed and performed a poem about their trip. We thought it was really good and were very impressed.

Isle of Wight

Roses are red, Violets are blue.

We've been to the Isle of Wight,

And you should too.

We've been on a boat, We've travelled the sea. There is so much more,

For us to see.

We found our rooms, Posted some mail. It's all going well, In the Denewood Hotel.

We saw Queen Victoria's holiday house,

Where she lived with her spouse. Displayed on the walls were pictures

of men,

I can't believe she had a statue of a hen

The wind was strong, On the ocean breeze. It made me freeze As I fell on my knees.

The songs and music Were sung very loud. People were clapping Amongst the crowd.

Now the show will go on, As the other acts perform. It's time for us to go to sleep, Wrap up cosy and warm.

By Rosie, Ella, Abbie, Charlie and Olivia - Y6.

Thank You PTA!!

A few months ago, the PTA kindly donated £2,000 towards the purchase of new laptops to replace outdated netbooks and desk tops in the I.C.T. Suite. As a result, the school has been able to buy 16 fantastic laptops which are a really versatile way to introduce ICT skills. They will be used in classes, in the ICT suite and even outside! Here is a photo of the laptops in one of their early outings!

We are hoping that we might be able to develop the ICT suite into a really exciting and versatile area. The aspiration is to find funding to help with this. Watch this space......



The Great OoSC Bake Off!

On Wednesday OoSC hosted its first ever **Great OoSC bake off**. The entries were of an incredible standard and it was a taxing task for the 4 judges (Mrs Wood, Mrs Belton, Mr Thomas and Mrs Matthews). (From the judges: It was our pleasure. Someone had to do all of that tasting!) Congratulations to **Shemaiah Patterson** and **Mrs Bracey** who won the pupil and adult categories respectively. Thank you to all the amazing entries and to our judges for enduring the hard task of eating cake!

The cakes were then sold raising a whopping £148 for OosC resources. Mrs Ireland's fabulous burger cake and Miss Belton's cupcakes were auctioned for the victims of the Manchester bombing. Along with donations, this raised £90. Thank you to everyone's generosity and to Mrs Young, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Bracey for organising!

