

Newsletter 35 – 29th June 2018

'We think creatively and are brave enough to take risks'

Diary Dates

Datas	
Summer Fair	Saturday 30 th June 11am-1pm
Y3/4 Class Assembly	Monday 2 nd July @ 2.30pm
Year 1 & 2 Visit to Longleat	Thursday 5 th July – 8.45am to 4.00pm
Second Hand School Uniform sale	Monday 9 th July @ 3.15pm
Parent and Carer Survey Return Date	Monday 9 th July
KS2 Production for Grandparents	Tuesday 10 th July @ 2pm
KS2 Evening Production	Tuesday 10 th July @ 6pm
KS2 Evening Production	Wednesday 11 th July@ 6pm
Y1 Class Assembly	Wednesday 11 th July @ 2.50pm
Y6 Leaver's Party	Friday 13 th July 6.00-9.00pm
Y2 Class Assembly	Friday 13 th July @ 2.40pm
Individual Reports Home	Monday 16 th July
RISE Music and Dance Festival@ Kings Oak	Tuesday 17 th July evening
Tea party for parents, teachers and children	Wednesday 18 th July 4.30-5.15pm
Achievement Folder and Book Sharing (see box below)	Wednesday 18 th July 1.30-5.00pm
Fun Day for teachers and children	Thursday 19 th July pm
Y6 Leavers' Breakfast with Parents & Leavers' Assembly	Friday 20 th July from 8.15am

Holidays: Fri 20th July – Fri 31st Aug

INSET Days 2018-19: Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th September, Thursday 25th & Friday 26th October 2018 and Friday 15th February 2019

Headteacher's News

Today is Shuffle Up Day and we have (with the exception of YR) our full complement of teachers for 2018-19 all with their new classes. Mrs Westcott and Miss Brown YR, Miss Inman Y1, Mr Jones Y2, Miss Ford Y3, Mr Thomas and Miss Joseph (who will be providing 2 days of consistent Deputy Head release cover on Wednesdays and Thursdays) Y4, Mrs Elmore Y5 and Mr Green Y6. Mrs Parker will still be teaching Y6 Science. The teachers are just as excited as the children – with a touch of nervousness too.

Holidays: My teaching staff are continually approaching me as they are concerned about the negative impact that the holidays taken in term time are having on the children's learning in their classes. In total we have 62 pupils who have missed a total of 376 sessions due to unauthorised holidays. On top of this, there is also the unavoidable missed days due to illness. The current Y3 Lime class have had 116 missed days taken by 17 pupils. As you can imagine, the children miss whole units of work which it is extremely difficult for them to catch up. As a consequence, many of the children fall behind where they should be. Not only that, but the impact on the rest of the class cannot be underestimated. We are having to divert valuable teaching assistant time to backfilling rather than accelerating progress for all pupils. We all understand about the prices being much higher than in school term time (all members of staff are in exactly the same boat) but please do consider the more lasting implications for your child's learning. And finally, tomorrow (Saturday) is our Summer Fair. My Art and Craft group have been busy painting a new 'Splat the Teacher' board so please do come and put it to good use! Kick off is 11am! **Deborah Wood**



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Reading Certificates

These children have reached their next Reading 25s Certificate:

Kamil S, Piper Mc, Ella-Mae W, Oliver A, Brody C-H, Corey H, Indy Mc, Shaya B, Rhian Mc, Dean H, Isabel H, Lilly B, Ava S,

Rugby Semi-Finalists

Last week, we forgot to mention our fabulous Y3 and Y4 tag rugby team who took part in the South Gloucestershire's Festival of Youth Sport one Saturday morning. They had a fantastic day, getting through to the semi-finals and looked fabulous in their smart Courtney kit. A huge thank you to Ms Fletcher for providing our banner.



Thank you to Mr Thomas, Mrs Wood and the parents for making it happen.

Wanted

If you have any old/spare rugs (the bigger the better), Reception class would love to have them, thank you.

Lunch Boxes

Please can children only bring plastic drinks bottles in their packed lunch (no glass). We had an incident yesterday with one smashing in the playground, thank you.

Achievement Folder and Book Sharing

On Wednesday 18th July, you are invited to come to school between 1:30 and 5:00pm to share your child's achievements this academic year. Please can you come to the office and sign in, you are then invited to collect your child and find a cosy spot somewhere in the grounds to sit and look through their books and Achievement Folder. If you have more than one child, you may prefer to take each one separately.

At 3pm we will ask all adults to leave the building so that we can dismiss the children safely at the end of the day. All of the teachers and the books will be available from 3:20pm until 5pm should you wish to see them (this is not an appointment system).

Parent and Carer Survey

You should have received a copy of this year's Parent/Carer Survey. Please could you return it by **Monday 9th July** and let us know both what you are pleased with and what you think we need to improve.

Out of School Clubs (OoSC)

Hi everyone, sadly as it's been so hot we have been grounded to inside play as we didn't want to melt. However, we have been compensated with homemade banana cake and ice cream!



Events for next week are as follows:

Monday – Making paper plate spirals Tuesday – UFO day – design and make UFO's

Wednesday – Tennis day – in honour of Wimbledon

Thursday – Celebrating cheesecake day

Friday – Free play

Please remember to reply to our School Holiday Club Poll so that we can make a decision on whether to pursue this.

Tea Party Invitation – please remember to send in your reply