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Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 5th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an action-packed week, with a great number of events coming up too!

On Friday 7th June, we celebrated Pentecost in school. Thank you for entering into the non-uniform so willingly – the pupils looked amazing when they gathered together for the Pentecost Service in school. After the service, pupils in Year 1-4 took part in workshops led by Victoria Goodman from Church Schools of Cambridge. I was privileged to join Year 3 and Miss McLoughlin (RE Leader) managed to join Year 1 to experience the sessions in St. Mary's. The sessions began with a very visual and engaging storytelling. Afterwards, pupils engaged in very creative activities linked to the symbols and events of Pentecost.

As you will have seen from separate correspondence, we are coordinating Parent Governor elections. The statements were circulated by email yesterday (Tuesday 4th June). Information and ballot papers will be coming home with the eldest child in each family today.

On Thursday 6th June, we took part in two competitive events. Firstly, a team of pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in an athletics competition, which included a range of different athletics events. Our team demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and came fifth. Well done! Secondly, two teams of Year 6 pupils took part in the Maths Challenge at St. Faith's. There were over 50 teams present at the event. We are still awaiting the final summary of placings, but we were very pleased to hear about the excellent effort and diligence our teams demonstrated. In addition, we already know that one of our teams achieved second place! Well done!

Well done to pupils who took part in the Triathlon at Sawston on Sunday 2nd June. It is fantastic to hear from Mr. Chapman about our triathletes competing. There were some excellent results for the pupils, including first and second places in one heat. We are very proud to hear about all your efforts.

Tomorrow, Thursday 13th June, Year 6 are delving deeper into their Ancient Maya topic with a visiting archaeologist leading a morning workshop on the ancient civilisation.

On Friday, we look forward to two events. Firstly, our Year 5/6 members who are attending the Phoenix Concert at West Road Concert Hall will rehearse and perform. Secondly, a team of finalists from our school's participation in the Astra Zeneca Energy Challenge will go through to the next heats to present their challenge. Good luck!

With best wishes,
Chris Grey

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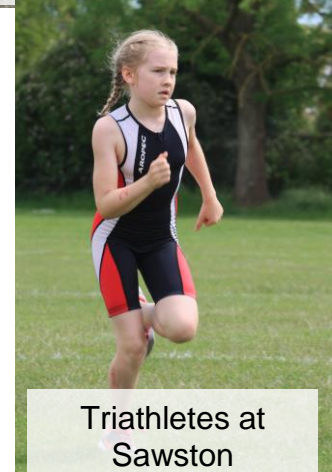
- Pentecost celebrations
- Parent Governor elections
- Y5/6 Athletics competition
- Y6 Maths Challenge success!
- Triathlon at Sawston
- Y6 Archeology Day
- Y5/6 Choir event
- Y6 Energy Challenge heat



The altar dressed for Pentecost



Y3 Pentecost Workshop at St. Mary's



Triathletes at Sawston

Announcements

Non-uniform Day

This Friday (14th June), children may come to school in non-uniform. The 'fine' for this is a bottle for the bottle tombola for the Summer Fair, which will be held the following day. Choir members will either need to wear uniform bottoms, or bring them to change into prior to the concert. They will be provided with a choir top.

Choir Event

A reminder of the upcoming concert for those pupils involved:

Choir Event for Year 5 and 6 - University Concert Hall, West Road, Cambridge on Friday 14th June.

Parents of children involved with this should have received an email containing further details.

Netball

The last netball session this year will be next Monday (17th June)

Upper Key Stage 2 Performance

This year, our Year 5s and 6s will be leading the summer performance on Monday 24th June and Tuesday 25th June. As there will only be two year groups performing this year, we are able to offer two tickets per family for each performance. If you will require more than two tickets for a performance, please let the office know. Further information to follow.

Moving up day

This year moving up day will be on Wednesday 3rd July, where children will spend time in their new classes for September. If your child is going to Sawston Village College, please note that you will need to transport them to and from the college.

Sawston Village College will be holding their induction evening for new parents and pupils to attend on Thursday 4th July. Full information regarding this is in the information pack.

Swimming

Unfortunately, the pool is still unable to be used at the moment. We will keep you up to date with this. Once swimming resumes, please ensure that your child has their swimming kit on the days that they are due to swim, as the school does not have spare kit. Their kit must include:

- A one piece swimming costume (girls)/swimming trunks or shorts (boys)
- Towel
- Swimming hat (this is essential and can be purchased from the office for 70p, if needed)
- Brush
- Kit bag

Please ensure all of these items are named.

Changes to your child's circumstances

Please can we remind parents to inform the office of any changes to your child's circumstances as soon as possible please, e.g. changes of address, contact details or any dietary or medical needs they may have. If your child needs medication, e.g. an inhaler, it is also important to ensure that they have it in school in case they need it. All medicines must be signed in at the office and will be held at the office and not kept with your child. Thank you for your assistance with this.

School prayer meeting - Thursday 27th June

A small group meet together each term to pray for the school and we'd love more people to join us. It's fine to bring little ones, we have plenty of toys! We will be meeting at The Lodge, Kings Mill Lane, Great Shelford on Thursday 27th June at 2pm, so please do come along if you are free at that time.

Parking

Quite a few villagers have raised concerns regarding cars parking on the double yellow lines outside the school, particularly at the various drop off and pick up times. There have also been problems with cars parked just next to the Kings Mill Lane entrance blocking the view and making it unsafe to turn out. Inconsiderate and unsafe parking can reflect negatively on the reputation of the school amongst the wider community, despite our lack of control or authority over it.

Site Safety

Please remember that when pupils are dismissed, they should not re-enter the school site. There have been several occasions where pupils have been entering school after clubs to retrieve items. For security, safety and safeguarding, pupils should not re-enter classes. Any forgotten belongings should be collected the following day.

Dress for the weather

Please ensure all pupils have named jumpers and coats available in school, especially as we are heading into unpredictable spring and summer weather. Please can we also ask that you put sun cream on your child before school and provide a hat if the weather is predicted to be hot. Please ensure that your child wears enclosed toe footwear and not open toe sandals.

Term dates for next year

All term dates and INSET days have been agreed and are now on the school website under 'Parents / Term dates'.

Illness in school

Please can we remind parents that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode (as recommended by the NHS and Department for Education). These rules are put in place to limit the spread of illness throughout the school (both for children and staff members). In severe cases it may be necessary for your child to avoid swimming for two weeks to avoid cross contamination. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Class List

The PTA would like to ensure that as many parents as possible are aware of 'Class List'. This is a great way to keep in touch with the other parents in your class and should help to ensure good communication between parents. Please get in touch with your class' PTA representatives for assistance.