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Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to Sports Day on Friday. I hope you enjoyed attending for the afternoon and sharing the different sporting activities. I was most impressed with the way in which the older pupils in each house supported the younger pupils, as well as the sportsmanship demonstrated by pupils who took part in the 'dashes'.

Last Wednesday, we formally welcomed our new Reception parents to the school. Many different members of the school community attended this event to welcome parents, including governors, the PTA and various representatives from clubs. We look forward to more transition events for our new Reception pupils through the remainder of this academic year. On a similar note, our pupils have spent the mornings in their new classes; getting to know their new teachers and classrooms.

In sporting news, two teams represented the school at the tennis and hockey County Finals last Wednesday. While we did not win either of the events, staff were exceptionally impressed with the pupils' excellent efforts and sportsmanship.

Sadly, we have not had enough positive responses with respect to the Twinning Performance, so I have had to notify the Twinning Association that we will be unable to perform. Thank you to those of you who originally agreed to support the event, however, it is unfeasible with the numbers we have received.

This week, I welcomed Hannah Hutchings, a children's illustrator, to the school. Hannah spent some time in school getting to understand our new vision and the ethos of the school. In time, the plan will be to paint the four hall doors with her designs that convey our new vision... watch this space!

On Monday, we held a spectacular concert at Great Shelford Free Church. Mrs. Barlow led her annual choir and orchestra concert, which demonstrated the amazing development of music through the school. We are slim on numbers for instrumentalists next year, especially with string instruments (violin, viola and cello). Please let us know if your child would be interested!

Also on Monday, six Year 5 girls travelled to St. Mary's School in Cambridge with Mr. Cuff to take part in a 'Curious Crime' workshop linked to literature and science. The group, and Mr. Cuff, really enjoyed the workshop and the activities on offer.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of joining Year 3 on their trip into Cambridge for the Fitzwilliam Museum, Zoology Museum and a brief visit to the paddock at Downing College. Year 6 visited the Buddhist Centre to explore another faith and enjoyed a variety of experiences and activities linking to Buddhist beliefs. Tomorrow, we have Year 1 and Year 2 visits to the Zoology Museum and Bury Lane Farm, linked to their current topics!

Looking ahead to next week, we look forward to welcoming the children from Verneuil-en-Halatte on Tuesday morning. We have some exciting house-based activities planned!

With best wishes,
Chris Grey

Newsletter in 30 seconds...

- Sports Day
- New Reception Families
- County Finals
- **Cancellation** – Twinning performance
- Vision artwork
- GSFC Concert
- Curious Crime workshop
- Trips and visits galore!
- Upcoming twinning visit

Announcements

Change to menu (Tuesday 9th July) - Seaside lunch

Fish & chips

or

Quorn sausage & chips

or

Jacket potato

Ice lolly



Safeguarding issues

Please note the following safeguarding issues to keep our children safe!

❖ **Medicine in school**

- ❖ If your child should need medicine while they are on school premises, please bring it to the office yourself (do not send it in with your child). You will need to complete a medication form giving us permission to medicate your child and the medicine will be locked securely in a cupboard in the office. Children should not have medicines in their bags.

❖ **School access – gates**

- ❖ For safeguarding reasons, if you need to buzz through to the office to gain access to school during the school day, please can we remind you not to hold the gate to let others through. Using the buzzer allows us to know exactly who is on the school premises at any given time and their purpose for being there, so allowing other people access may mean that we are not aware that they are on site.

❖ **Site Safety**

- ❖ Please can we remind parents that children should not be in the playground unsupervised after school and should not be on the play equipment. Please also 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.

❖ **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.

Bug busting

Unfortunately, we have had reports of head lice in school. Please can you ensure that you check your child's hair as soon as possible, and take action as necessary. Thank you.

May Bank Holiday 2020

As you may have seen, the May Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May due to the VE Day celebrations.

Swimming

Unfortunately, the pool is still unable to be used at the moment. We will keep you up to date with any further developments.

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.

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.