



Friday 26th May 2017

Half Term Already?!

We plan to start our swimming when we return after the half term. Thank you to those of you who have already contributed to help us cover the additional costs involved. If you have not yet done so, payments can still be made via ParentPay.

The children will need suitable swimwear –



- Swimming trunks/shorts – Swimming costume (**not** bikinis or tankinis)
- Swimming towel, goggles (if preferred)
- Towel/ towelling bath robe and flip flops/slip on summer shoes (essential as the children may be walking back to class to change).

Thank you to those of you have that volunteered to be 'extra eyes'. If you are available for an hour or so in the afternoons and could spare some time, please speak to the class teachers.



It has been incredibly hot this week and we ask again, that children come prepared for hot weather. This includes water bottles, sun hats, sunglasses and sun cream labelled with your child's name. Please ensure your child has sun cream applied before school, which can then be topped up during the day.

We have been contacted by the BBC who are on the lookout for fun and lively families who would like to save some money on their weekly shop and eat more healthily. Eat Well For Less follows **Masterchef's Gregg Wallace** & award winning greengrocer **Chris Bavin** on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to **save money** on their food budget **without scrimping on taste and nutrition**.

They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food. If you are interested in applying to take part you can email eatwell@rdftelvision.com or call 0117 970 7661.



Over the coming weeks, some of our children will be visiting Marybrook Medical Centre to meet with some elderly and sometimes isolated members of our community. Research indicates that young children have a positive effect on those suffering from dementia and others that have become isolated as they grow



older. The group meet once a fortnight and we are looking forward to joining them. On 14th June some of our Reception children will visit to sing some songs and nursery rhymes, Year 3 will visit on 28th June to do some knitting and on the 12th July, Year 2 will be popping in to do some baking.



Please note, the date for the Y3/4 and Y5/6 SRE information evening has moved from the 14th June to the 13th June. Y3 & Y4 is at 6.00pm and Y5 & Y6 is at 6.45pm.



We are currently in the early stages of a new website build. Our current website has been around for a number of years now and is getting tired and clunky. Our aim is to build a new website that will be easier to navigate so that you can find all the important information that you need. The most up to date information on our current website is on the Class blogs, so please check these regularly.



Once again this year, we are delighted to be hosting the Gloucestershire School Chess Championship. This will be held on the 4th July and our teams are working hard with Mr Wandowicz to make sure they are ready. I am sure that they will make us all very proud.



Please remember that the latest pick up time for Explorers is 6.00pm. We seem to be getting a number of parents coming in after this time, which inevitably causes a delay in leaving for the staff. Please be aware that late pick ups will now incur a charge. Thank you.



We have lots of trips and residentials coming up in the next half term. The school budget is unable to stretch to cover the cost and we therefore have to ask parents to contribute. Whilst payment is voluntary, if we do not receive sufficient funding we may be forced to cancel trips, which would be a great shame as the children really look forward to days out. Payment for all trips can be made via ParentPay. Thank you for your support.



Phonics Screening for our Year 1 children will be during the week commencing 12th June. Please avoid any unnecessary appointments/ absences during this week. Thank you.



And finally, the PTA are again working hard to provide fundraising activities in school. Last night was Film Night and as always, was very well attended. Ice lollies will be on sale every Friday after school in the Parent Shelter and in October, the Circus will be coming to town! Tickets will be on sale after the half term. I am sure you will all join me in saying a big thank you to the PTA for all the hard work they put in.

Best regards

Debbie Marklove and staff

Diary Dates

- June 5th and 6th – INSET Days
- June 7th – Reception Hearing and Vision tests
- June 9th – Class and Leavers Photos
- June 9th – Family Maths Evening
- June 12th – Phonic Screening Checks start
- June 12th – District Sports – Field Events 4.00pm
- June 13th – Sex and Relationship Education Information Evening for Parents – Y3&4 6.00pm, Y5&6 6.45pm
- June 14th – District Sports – Track Events 6.00pm
- June 16th – Year 3 Camp Out
- June 23rd – Year 6 Residential
- June 26th – Swimming Galas - Y1 & Y2 10.30 – 12.00, Y3 & Y4 1.30 – 3.00pm
- June 30th – Swimming Gala – Y5 & Y6 1.30 – 3.00pm
- July 3rd – Reception and Year 5 trip to @Bristol
- July 4th – Gloucestershire Chess Championships
- July 5th – Year 4 Residential
- July 7th – Year 1 & Year 2 trip to The Black Country Museum
- July 12th – 14th – Year 5 Camp Out
- July 17th – Transition Day – All children to visit their new classes
- July 20th – Y3 & Y4 Roald Dahl Picnic
- July 21st – Leavers Assembly 11.00am
- July 21st – Children finish for Summer

2017-18 Term Dates

TERM 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET DAYS 4th & 5th SEPTEMBER • PUPILS START 6th SEPTEMBER • TERM ENDS 20th OCTOBER 	TERM 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TERM STARTS 19th FEBRUARY • TERM ENDS 29th MARCH • INSET DAY 29th MARCH
TERM 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TERM STARTS 30th OCTOBER • TERM ENDS 15th DECEMBER 	TERM 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TERM STARTS 16th APRIL • TERM ENDS 25th MAY
TERM 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TERM STARTS 2nd JANUARY • INSET DAY 2nd JANUARY • TERM ENDS 9th FEBRUARY 	TERM 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET DAYS 4th & 5th JUNE • PUPILS START 6th JUNE • INSET DAYS 25th JULY • TERM ENDS 25th JULY

