



Dear Families

I think it is fair to say that the children have enjoyed the sunny weather this week - let's hope it lasts for the weekend.

In class our Robins have been looking in more depth at different ways to travel – they have particularly looked at different vehicles that use our roads as well as airports – if your passport needs updating then I believe there may be a passport office in their classroom. Our Woodpeckers have been writing about rainforests – the sounds they can hear, what they can smell, feel etc ... The following were written by Sam and Olivia: “I can see brown sloppy mud at the bank of the lake.” “Why are there peely trees next to fresh green leaves?” Next door in our Kingfisher class, the children have been making clay plants that demonstrate seed dispersal as well as writing newspaper reports about Boudicca. In the upper school, our Owls have looked at the trade triangle in the slave trade and the meaning of the word ‘chattel’ (moveable belongings). The children had a long discussion about freedom and how they knew that they were free – they considered how free (or not) others in society are.

### **IMPORTANT - Year 5 and 6 Parents**

Please see the tag rugby letter in your child's bag.

### **Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)**

Just to let you know that we are receiving a statutory inspection by the Diocese on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. It is just over five years since our previous one in 2012, so we have been expecting this. Our inspector 'Joanne Daly' will be with us for 8am until around 5pm. Our inspector will be looking at:

- How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all its learners?
- What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?
- How effective is the religious education?
- How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school?

During her visit, our inspector will observe our Big Q 'How do we know how to be good?', talk with pupils, parents, governors, clergy and staff.

### **New Menu**

We have had 24 responses to our email relating to the change of menu – thank you. If you have not responded so far we would be grateful if you could over the weekend.

### **Comic Relief 2017**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 we will be supporting 'Comic Relief'. The school council have now met and come up with the following:

- Own clothes to include an item of 'red' £1
- Mad bad hair 50p
- Cookie tuckshop 50p (thank you to Sharon and Sian in our kitchen for volunteering to bake these)

### **Year 5 / 6 Parents Netball**

Well done to the Year 5/6 netball team who played a 'friendly game' against pupils from Bladon School last week. You did yourselves proud.

### **Clubs**

Monday	Football (SW Coaching)
Tuesday	SATs for Year 6 *
	Art and Craft for Year 1 to 3 *
Wednesday	Homework *
Thursday	Hip Hop (SW Coaching)
Friday	Multi-skills (SW Coaching) NOTE: OWING TO STAFF TRAINING THERE WILL BE NO MULTI SKILLS CLUB ON FRIDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> . THE MISSED SESSION WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> INSTEAD

\*School run clubs will finish week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March.

SW Coaching Clubs will finish week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Easter Celebration**

- Next Big Q Days – 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> April
- Our Annual traditional Eggstravaganza (Year 3 to 6) and Easter Bonnet Parade (Year N to 2) will be taking place on the morning of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April.
- Our Easter Service will be taking place at St Giles on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

### **Class Family Lunches**

We are offering these again – you will be able to order and pay for these via +Pay

Robins and Woodpeckers	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Owls	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Kingfishers	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May

### **UPDATED Dates for your Diary**

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y5/6 Rugby Tournament (further details to follow)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Spring mini-reports out to parents
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Parent-teacher meetings</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Parent-teacher meetings</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service at St Giles (time to be confirmed)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Eggstravaganza and Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Break-up at 1.30pm for Easter Break
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term begins
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Fayre
29 <sup>th</sup> May to 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET

**Have a good weekend.**

Yours sincerely

Louise Hatton and the team  
**Headteacher**

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### **Church News**

If your child would like to attend the Easter Workshop on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 10 – 12.30pm please do contact Jo Cropp [jocropp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jocropp@hotmail.co.uk) or 01869 343962 or Natasha Pitts [justinpitts@btinternet.com](mailto:justinpitts@btinternet.com) or 07810521412

#### **Bletch Cafe - opening times for 2017**

Tuesday - 2pm-5pm

Wednesday - 9.30-11.45am

Offers!

Tuesdays - Free tea or instant coffee with food before 3pm

Wednesdays - Freshly cooked bacon rolls and coffee only £2.50 with our early bird special (before 10.30)

Do come along and support this community venture - we would love to see you there.

**Please see the leaflet from House2Home relating to house moves as well as storage. Our PTA have recently been approached by House2Home about possible funding support.**