



Dear Families

This week in our Robin class the children have been looking at pets as well as what a vet does while our Woodpeckers have been learning about the Kalahari desert. Children in our Kingfisher class have been researching Egyptian Death Masks, Howard Carter and Tutankhamun. In the upper school our Owls have been looking at data handling and making line graphs that compare temperatures in Guatemala to Bletchington.

Whole School Performance

Just to confirm that our Whole School Performance 'Cinderella' will be taking place at 6pm on Friday 14th July. We do hope that you can all join us as the rehearsals are coming along really well. The performance will take place in the Courtyard area, as per last year. We would be really grateful if the children could wear the following:

- Robins** grey, brown, white, pink or black clothing as the children are going to be mice. Please can you let Mrs Seymour know if you would rather we did not put face paint on your child's face.
- Woodpeckers** outfits worn to May Day Fayre
- Kingfishers** outfits worn to May Day Fayre (parents of any children who require something a little different will be spoken with by Miss Follen)

We really do not wish you to go out and buy anything new and hope that between you, you may be able to offer suitable clothing to each other.

Clubs

We have two more weeks of teacher led clubs. There will be no teacher led clubs during the week of the 10th or 17th July 2017.

PTA update

Thank you to all who have supported the PTA with a successful year! The PTA's 2016-17 Annual General Meeting will be held on July 10th at 3.10 pm, all parents are welcome to this short meeting.

Our final fundraiser of the year will be a cake sale on July 3rd, please donate something if you can (home baked or otherwise!)

Thinking ahead to 2017-18, we are interested to hear from any parents who may be able to spare some time to support the PTA. This doesn't mean attending every meeting or helping with every event, if you are able to spare a small amount of time to help with fundraising - or have some ideas - please contact rachel_pirie@hotmail.com

We have already planned a quiz (October 14th) and a pamper evening (November 18th) for the Autumn term and we also looking for anyone interested in undertaking a sporting challenge to help raise money for school. The school is facing some financial challenges and all our support is needed if we want to retain our small class sizes.

Some initial ideas are: Thames walk, Three Peaks Challenge, Islip bike ride, 10k/half marathon.... No experience or ability required.

If you are interested in taking part in any sporting challenge please contact Jane Mullane on 07775 994198 / mullane77@btinternet.com and we can organise from there.

Warts and Verrucae

I have been asked for some further information about verrucae; in particular, how they are spread. As with nits and worms, warts and verrucae are very common in children and really should not be seen as something for the children to be embarrassed about. The information below is taken from the NHS website:

Warts are caused by the human papilloma virus (HPV). This causes an excess of a substance called keratin to develop in the top layer of skin, resulting in a hard, rough lump.

Warts and verrucae don't spread easily, but they can be passed on from person to person through close skin contact or contact with contaminated objects or surfaces, such as:

- towels
- shoes and socks
- areas surrounding swimming pools
- floors of communal changing areas

You're more likely to get infected if your skin is wet or damaged. After becoming infected, it can take weeks or even months for a wart or verruca to appear.

If your child has a verruca, can you please ensure they have a spare sock they can wear in the changing room and around the pool area. Your child will be asked to put the sock back on when leaving the poolside.

Swimming

All children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will continue swimming for the next two Mondays. The voluntary cost, which should be paid through +Pay is £10.00 per child. Thank you to those parents who have contributed already.

Year 5 / 6 Residential (October/November 2017)

The second instalment of £80 is due by Friday 30th June. Thank you.

Sleep Research

Thank you to those who returned the sleep research permission slip. Dr Iona Alexander will be visiting us on Wednesday 5th July. She will start the day with leading a whole school assembly on sleep and then work with individuals to complete the questionnaire on line.

Dates for your Diary

Wed 28 th & Thurs 29 th June	Big Question days
Thursday 6 th July	Play rehearsal in front of Thursday Club
Tuesday 11 th July	Move-up day for whole school
Friday 14 th July	Whole School End of Term Play
Monday 17 th July	Robins' Sport Morning followed by Family Picnic (for all) followed by Y1 – 6 Sports' Afternoon
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service at St Giles (TBC)
Friday 21 st July	Leavers' Assembly in school Break up at 1.30pm

Nursery - A further visit for children joining our nursery class in September will be offered on Tuesday 27th June from 10.30 – 11.30am as well as Thursday 11th July.

Yours sincerely

Louise Hatton and the team

Headteacher

Church News

We are holding our church service this Sunday 25th June at 10am on the Village Green.

It will be an informal child-friendly church service with music provided by Bletchington silver band.

Please bring something to sit on!

If it rains (not likely) we shall move to the village hall.

Everyone will be very welcome.