



Dear Families

This week in school our Robins have planted their own class miniature garden. Children in our Woodpecker class have written biographies of the Wright Brothers and our Kingfishers have been writing their own Egyptian versions of the Three Little Pigs. Meanwhile, our Owls have been looking at the structure of traditional tales; making comparisons between known versions and those from other cultures.

Congratulations to Cygnus who have won the House Challenge this term. As a reward for your achievement, you are invited to wear non-school uniform on Friday 9th June.

Half Term

Just to remind you that we break up today at 3pm and return on Tuesday 6th June 2017.

Library Books

Thank you to the PTA who have just purchased £200 worth of books for our library. Thank you to my teaching colleagues for providing a list of recommended texts. These lists can be found on our website under *Parents > Supporting Reading*.

School Pick-up

Please ensure you let your child's teacher know if your child is going home with a change of person. Teachers have been asked to dismiss children to a friend's parent without consent which has caused some concern. If there is a change in the adult collecting your child, please will you complete the 'change of pick-up sheet' in the cloakroom area. Children in Years 5 and 6 are dismissed from class. If you are happy for your Year 6 child to walk home unattended please request a form from Jackie which will be sent via Parent Mail.

Quad Athletics

Those children who are invited to attend the Quad Athletics will now have received an email via Parent Mail.

Year 5 / 6 Residential 2017

We are aware that quite a few children are opting not to attend the Residential in October. We will let you know after half term whether this will still go ahead.

May Day Spring Fayre –

Thank you very much for attending the Spring Fayre. Thank you to the children – you danced magnificently. Thanks also go to our PTA - we helped them to raise around £600. Thank you to those children who helped to run stalls and to those children who performed at 2pm with their dance school. I cannot believe how much some of you have grown in confidence over the past year.

PTA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Spring Fayre on Saturday. Despite the showers we hope everyone had a great day and we raised approximately £600 (final total will be available after half term.) Particular thanks go to those who helped with the preparation, ran an activity on the day, and helped to clear away afterwards.

This year we have been fundraising for a sensory garden originally intended for the 'quad' area. After some helpful discussions with the Village Hall committee, it has been decided that the Village Hall committee will lead on the development of the 'quad' to ensure the design benefits all users and the school will develop a separate sensory garden elsewhere in the school grounds. Funds raised by the PTA will be used for this project, which will benefit all pupils in the school. Therefore we are looking for any green fingered family members who could help with designing or constructing this area! Please speak to Mrs Hatton or email Rachel_pirie@hotmail.com if you are able to help. Thank you.

The next PTA meeting will take place on June 7th, 7.30pm at 12 Valentia Close. All welcome.

Science Week

We look forward to seeing all your different Jam Jar ideas after half term. All completed jam jars should be returned, with their label, to your class teacher on the first Tuesday (6th June) back after half term.

If you have any queries, please refer back to last week's newsletter.

Swimming

Swimming for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 starts on Monday 12th June for five consecutive weeks. The voluntary cost, which should be paid through +Pay is £10.00 per child.

Dates for your Diary

29 th May to 2 nd June	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	INSET
Wednesday 7 th June	Representatives from KS2 invited to Partnership Quad Athletics at Tilsley Park
Friday 9th June	Charity fundraising afternoon – This has been postponed
Friday 16 th June	Y5/6 to Partnership Cricket at Stonesfield
Tuesday 20 th June	Y6 move-up day @ The Marlborough 9am - 2.30pm
Wednesday 21 st June	Yr2 Ultra Olympics
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