



Dear Families

Despite the funny start to the new term with one week back and then a shorter week, we are all settling in to the summer term well. This week children in Robins have been looking at the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and growing their own bean plants whilst our Woodpeckers have been writing descriptions of an old bear as well as planning and writing their own riddles. In KS2, our Kingfishers have been enthusiastically rehearsing their maypole dances and researching mummification. Our Owl pupils have been looking at symbolism in archaeopteryx and pomegranates which links closely to their class text 'My Name is Mina.'

KS1 and KS2 SATS

Our children in both Years 2 and 6 will be sitting their SATs over the next couple of weeks. The Y6 SATs tests are next week – please can we refer Year 6 parents to the letter sent out earlier this week. Whilst I said in last week's newsletter that the KS1 tests would be 'more low-key', recent advice suggests that we should communicate a timetable with you – this will come out in a separate letter next week. It is REALLY IMPORTANT that we ask you NOT to talk about the questions your children have been set and that you DO NOT share these with anyone else (verbally, via social media etc...). Over the past two years there have been several cases where a school's entire test data has been nulled owing to a parent / carer / pupil discussing a SAT question publicly. The reasons for this are that some children may sit the test at a later date (for a variety of reasons) and so the paper becomes invalidated. Thank you.

May Day

As with tradition, each year our children (from Foundation Stage up to Year 6) will be performing traditional dances, with the Y5/6 class also acting out the story of Jack O'Green. I know you will all have the date in your diary already but I just wanted to clarify that the event will start at midday. We really do hope **all** our children will attend so we can keep Bletchingdon Village's tradition going. Thank you.

CLUBS

We still have space available if children would like to sign up for either SOLE or ECO club.

SOLE Club with Mrs Kelly - Tuesday 3-4pm

(12 chn max. limit - Years 4 & 5 (Year 6 can join, if spaces available, after SATs)

SOLE stands for Self Organised Learning Environment.

Eco Club with Mrs Kelly and Miss Shuff - Wednesday 3 – 4 pm

Year 5 / 6 Residential 2017

Advance notice – our next Y5/6 Residential to Kilvrough (nr. Swansea) will be taking place from Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2017. We will be holding a meeting for interested pupils and parents on Thursday 18th May at 3.10pm in Owl Class. A deposit of £75 will be required by the close of Thursday 25th May. Thank you.

Class Family Lunches

Following the success of our last 'family lunches' we are offering these again – you will be able to order and pay for these via +Pay

Owls	Tuesday 16 th May	Pasta Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese
Kingfishers	Thursday 18 th May	Pork Sausages/Vegetarian Sausages served with Potato Wedges and freshly prepared salads with strawberry shortcake **

**** Please note the slight change in menu.**

The 18th May is also our School 'Census Day'. We would really appreciate all our pupils in Reception, Yr 1 & 2 especially to have a school lunch on this day, as part of our school funding for KS1 is based on the uptake of school meals. For those pupils (*not just KS1*) that do not normally have a school meal but would like to on this day, please could I ask you to complete the consent form which will come via ParentMail today and return by Monday mid-day (8th May).

**Good luck to our PTA and friends who are taking part in the
Westminster to Islip cycle ride on Sunday**



Thank you to those parents who came forward offering to help count Sainsbury's vouchers.

Dates for your Diary

8 th to 12 th May	Y6 SATs
Saturday 20 th May	Spring Fayre
Tuesday 23 rd May	Y6 move-up morning @ the Marlborough 9am – 12:30pm
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 9 th June	Charity fundraising afternoon
Friday 16 th June	Representatives from 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.

PTA update

Spring Fayre - May 20th!!

We are looking for raffle prize donations and helpers on the day. If you think can help support this event please get in touch. This is big fundraiser for the PTA so any help you can offer will be gratefully received.

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PTA meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 10th May, 15 Valentia Close. All welcome. Please come if you would like to find out more about the PTA or have some ideas for future fundraisers!

We have seen a return of Headlice in school this week. Please check your child's hair over the weekend and treat if necessary.

Yours sincerely

Louise Hatton and the team

Headteacher

Bletchington Village Cricket

Outdoor training sessions are on Monday evenings at Bletchington's home ground (Oxford Road , Bletchington OX5 3BU) at 6pm until 7.30pm. From Monday 15th May training will be from 6.30pm to 8pm for the rest of the season. Unless otherwise advised training sessions will be on Monday evenings during the season. Matches will follow very soon. Further information can be found on OBNC's website or via Facebook /Twitter or by emailing: Howard.Dellar@lmbw.com or Tel 07540704056