



'Enjoying Learning Together'

19 June 2015

Dear Parent/Carer/Governors

This week we have been carrying out formal observations across the school and we are extremely pleased with the fantastic work we have been seeing. I do feel very privileged to be the Head teacher of such a great staff team who put so much into their lessons in order to help all their children progress. The children themselves have been wonderful in lessons and I have seen really positive learning behaviours with children asking relevant questions to support and challenge their own learning.

On Monday we were visited by two explorers who have been mountain climbing all over the world. They set us the challenge of trying to see as much of the world as we can in our lifetimes. They were very inspiring and I would love to think that, within our assembly hall, there will be future generations of explorers. So this holiday can you please take photographs of your child/children exploring a new environment and send them in to me? It would make a great display for the playground.

I would like to ask all dog owners not to leave their dogs unattended outside our school as another pupil was bitten this week on the hand when trying to stroke it. It really is important that any dog is accompanied at all times. I would also ask all parents to ensure that their children do not go anywhere near any dogs that they do not know.

Can I please say a big thank you to all of you who bring your children in on time every day as it makes such a big difference to how they achieve in school. The Education Welfare Officer has been in this week and we have identified those children whose attendance and punctuality is not good enough.

Finally I would like to thank Fosiya, Shihab, Najma and Aliza for their fantastic assembly on Monday about Ramadan. This is a very important time for the Muslim faith. It started on Thursday and will continue until Friday the 17 July when Eid is celebrated. Can I please remind any children, who are fasting during the period of Ramadan, that they must not run around at playtimes playing football as this is the hottest part of the day and they need to conserve their energies. Please can I ask parents to let us know if their child is fasting during any part of Ramadan.

Have a lovely weekend.

Stuart

**R.** This week we have continued to look at 'The Gingerbread Man'. At the start of the week we thought of questions we wanted to ask the Gingerbread Man. We then had the opportunity to find out the answers when we did hot seating. This involved us pretending to be the Gingerbread Man. In Maths we have been practising how to continue and create repeating patterns. Some of us have even been completing number patterns!

**Y1.** This week we've written our own stories. We used some of the ideas from stories we know and put them together in our own way. In Maths we have been practising addition and solving problems. Everyone tried really hard at their phonics test this week and I'm really proud of all of them.

**Y2.** This week in Year 2 has seen us carrying on our brilliant learning and writing all about 'Traction Man and Scrubbing Brush'. We had a challenge of creating our own mission using 'Hero packs' which had lots of different objects in which to design and act out our mission. We then boxed up our mission up and added speech, before beginning to write our mission.

**Y3.** In Maple Class this week, we have been working on our models of Iron Men, choosing waste materials and finding ways to fix them together into small statues. In English we have been shaping our own stories about 'material' men and women, whilst in Maths we have been practicing our written method for multiplication.

**\*\*Please note\*\***

We had a great opportunity to go up the university on Wednesday, where we enjoyed playing all sorts of sports. Unfortunately, quite a few children were sent to school without shoes or kits; please ensure they have what they need for a sports lesson - thank you.

**Y4.** This week we have been inventing our own stories in 'Talk for Writing', specifically looking at describing a setting. The class wrote some stunning newspaper reports, telling their readers about the setting of their story - their descriptions were fantastic. In maths this week we have looked at mean, mode and median; which was tricky at first but we seem to have got the hang of it!

**Y5.** A fun week in Year 5, where we have enjoyed a bit of light drama and acting in English to support our work on persuasive writing. All the children have pulled all the stops out and created some cracking persuasive speeches using strong emotive language. With a clear link to our local history topic, we were able to add relevant historical facts to make the writing seem even more credible.

### Attendance Update

**Data: Monday 15 – Friday 19 June 2015**

<b>Rocky the Attendance Dog</b>		<b>Punctuality Polar Bear</b>	
Awarded to <b>Y5 who have just pipped the post with 98.29% - Brilliant!</b> 😊		Awarded to <b>NOT AWARDED</b> ☹️	
<b>Class</b>	<b>% Attendance</b>	Late marks recorded <b>Before</b> close of register <b>(L)</b>	Late marks recorded <b>After</b> close of register <b>(U)</b>

<b>R</b>	94.20%	3	4
<b>1</b>	98.35%	7	0
<b>2</b>	95.24%	7	2
<b>3</b>	93.70%	0	1
<b>4</b>	98.22%	6	1
<b>5</b>	98.29%	1	2
<b>6</b>	98.08%	2	1
<b>Total minutes of children late for school this week = 721 minutes which equals 12 hours of missed learning.</b>			

### **School Dinners**

We have received notification from Eden this morning that there will be no increase in the price of a school dinner for the next academic year

As a reminder or for those of you who will move from Y2 to Y3 and therefore will need to start paying for dinners the cost is £2.25 per day, this equals £11.25 per week. As always the preferred method of payment is EzPay, our secure online payment system.

### **Whole School Photo**

The whole school photo is planned for Wednesday 24 June. **All** children are required to be in full school uniform.

Polite reminder: White polo shirt, Royal blue or red jumper, grey trousers or grey shorts. Girls can wear either Royal blue or red summer dresses. Lilac, green or any other colour dresses are not deemed school uniform. Children attending school who are not in uniform, run the risk of being removed from the photo, however, we will do our best to kit them out from the items in lost property.

### **Shoes**

Please can we remind you that children should be in sensible shoes/sandals whilst at school. Feet should be securely strapped in. Crocs, heels of any kind, flip fops etc are not suitable for school; please keep them for use at home. Thank you.

### **Westbury Wipe Out**

Westbury Harriers are delivering a multi terrain running event (race!) on Monday 6 July.

This is a challenging multi-terrain adventure run for youngsters aged 8 to 15, taking them on a tour of the woods, streams and hills of the Blaise Castle Estate. The event is 3k long (2k for 8 and 9 year-olds), and includes a long downhill section, some scrambling up banks and slopes, and plenty of splashing through water and across mud, rocks, roots and steps. Survivors will have to overcome the 'Decent of Doom', 'Shark Lagoon', 'Ditch of Destruction', 'Crocs Leap', 'Hills of Torment', 'Trolls Bridge' and 'Scramble of Hope'.

The event is a fun run, with the emphasis on adventure and challenge. All participants will receive a T shirt printed especially for the event, and there are medals for all finishers, but no individual prizes. Participants are advised that, once they start, the only way out is on their own

two feet! Please see the 'Westbury Wipeout' page on the Westbury Harriers website for full details and links: <http://westburyharriers.com/westbury-wipeout/>  
 This event takes part in the evening; please go online at the address above for more details.  
**Please note:** there will be no staff from school attending this event.

**Dates for Your Diary**

Wed 24 Jun	<b>Whole School Photograph</b> (provisional date as outside with no rain!) <b>Full school uniform required.</b>
Wed 24 Jun	<b>Reception Class September 2015 Intake:</b> <b>New</b> Reception Parent/Carer meeting at 6:30pm.
Thu 25 Jun	<b>Y5: OUT</b> – Avon and Severn Trip. <b>Consent required.</b>
Fri 26 Jun	<b>Y4: OUT</b> Library Visit leave school at 9:45am Please see that class teacher if you can help walk the class there & back.
Fri 26 Jun	<b>Y1: OUT ss Great Britain</b> – No consent required as the children are walking. <b>Packed lunch required.</b>
Fri 26 Jun	<b>Y5: OUT</b> MShed in the morning, back in time for lunch.
Wed 1 Jul	<b>Y6: x 15 children OUT to Pizza Express.</b>
Wed 1 Jul	<b>Y5: OUT</b> Floating Harbour – later return to school (3:30pm) <b>Packed lunch required.</b>
Wed 1 Jul	<b>Y2: OUT</b> Trip to the Matthew and local area <b>Consent required</b> as travelling on the Matthew.
Wed 1 Jul	<b>Kwik Cricket Festival at Golden Hill</b> – details to follow for the 10 children chosen to take part.
Fri 3 Jul	<b>Y2: OUT</b> Library Visit leave school at 9:45am Please see that class teacher if you can help walk the class there & back. <b>Y5: OUT</b> Library Visit leave school at 10:20am Please see that class teacher if you can help walk the class there & back.
Fri 3 Jul	<b>Y6:</b> Tea and Cake Sale after school – 3:15pm
Wed 1 Jul	<b>Y5: OUT</b> – workshop around the Floating Harbour
Mon 6 Jul	<b>Westbury Wipeout at Blaise.</b> – Out of school event.
Wed 8 Jul	<b>Y3: OUT</b> Countryside Day – details to follow.
Wed 8 Jul	<b>Y6: 'Twelfth Night' performance at the Wickham Theatre</b> Details to follow re tickets.
Thu 9 Jul	<b>Y6: 'Twelfth Night' performance at the Wickham Theatre</b> Details to follow re tickets.
Fri 10 Jul	<b>YR: OUT</b> Library Visit leave school at 9:45am Please see that class teacher if you can help walk the class there & back.
Fri 10 Jul	<b>Y3 &amp; Y6: OUT</b> Last swimming session for this Academic Year.

<b>Fri 17 Jul</b>	<b>End of Academic Year 2014/2015 End of Term 6 – normal time 3:15pm.</b>
Tues 1 Sept	<b>Academic Year 2015-2016 INSET DAY 1 – school closed to all children</b>
Wed 2 Sept	<b>INSET DAY 2 – school closed to all children</b>
Thurs 3 Sept	<b>Welcome Back! Children return to school after the summer break.</b>