



'Enjoying Learning Together'

22 April 2016

Dear Parent/Carer/Governors

Another fantastic week has flown by and the enthusiasm of the children is wonderful to see. I have been seeing more and more children with their great work and it fills me with so much happiness to see the pride they have in their achievements.

Thank you to everyone who gets their children to school on time every day. As a general rule the children who have the best attendance and punctuality are the ones who make the most progress in their education. Please remember that I am unable to give authorised leave unless there are exceptional circumstances and that fines can be issued if absence requests are not exceptional. Penalty notices can also be issued for continued lateness to school.

This week we have had some issues regarding pencil cases and other stationery. As a result, we ask children not to bring these in to school as they have everything they need provided for them. We appreciate your support with this.

I have really enjoyed working with the Reception class this week and I want to thank Heidi, Sarah and Sue and all the children for making me feel so welcome. Who would have known that the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' would be so much fun!

Have a great weekend.
Stuart

R. This week the children have been learning the story 'The Gingerbread Man'. They were excited to find that some gingerbread men had been in our classroom over the weekend and enjoyed hunting for them throughout the week. On Wednesday they created wanted posters to help find the Gingerbread Man.

In Mathematics they have been developing their addition skills further, with some children being introduced to using a number line to solve addition number sentences.

Y1. In English, we have been learning 'Rumpelstiltskin'; we have put actions to the story and thought about how the characters might feel.

In Maths we have been measuring and making a class chart of our heights. We have been planting some seeds and have been measuring the shoots as they grow. We have also started an experiment to see what is the best way to grow cress.

Y2. Year 2 have come back to school this term full of life and ready to learn! We have started reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. We have looked at his style of writing and how he brings his words to life through descriptive language. The children have enjoyed practising this technique in their own writing.

In Maths we have revisited addition and subtraction, using the number line to help us solve problems.

We are beginning to learn about 'Habitats' and have a trip arranged for the 4 May, so please return your consent forms as soon as possible.

Y3. Maple Class have been talking about the connections they have to other countries, whether through family or holidays. We have been meticulously tinkering with our class story, 'Why Bats Sleep in the Day', so that we can tell it in our own words. The children have been great at choosing their own adjectives and similes to bring the tale to life.

In Maths, we've been measuring, while in PE we began to learn our lively summer dance.

Y4. It has been a busy start to the term. In Maths, we've put our measuring skills to good use by making scones (I'm sorry Wednesday's scones were a bit overdone!).

Plasticine models of our own teeth were made by the children for our new Topic on the 'Human Body' and we had an experiment to see what Coca Cola does to an egg shell.

Following our aquarium trip, we had a 'Big Write' on some of the fish we saw. Our 'Big Draw' was spent making clay models of Henry Moore sculptures.

Y5. We have enjoyed settling back into our familiar routines this week. In Maths we have wrestled with metric to imperial conversions (mainly in the context of Victoria sponge cakes, so some of your children might feel inspired to bake if you are lucky!)

In English we have continued to work with our class book 'Skellig' and written thank you letters to Waitrose on behalf of the school, expressing gratitude for the donated ingredients for last week's Bun Day.

Y6. The children have been working incredibly hard this week in both Maths and Writing. With Science week approaching, they have been inspired by their patch of land in the Parry garden and written some concise instructions on how to build a den, which they will put into action on Monday. They've also enjoyed letting off some steam in PE, working on different balances and their coordination in gymnastics. All in all, their work ethic has been astounding: keep going - we're nearly there!

Attendance Update

Data: Monday 18 – Friday 22 April 2016

Rocky the Attendance Dog		Punctuality Polar Bear	
Awarded to Y6 who have reached the dizzy heights of 100%. Very well done Y6 😊😊😊😊		Awarded to Y4 who have recorded ZERO late marks for the week – Brilliant Y4 😊	
Class	% Attendance	Late marks recorded Before close of register (L)	Late marks recorded After close of register (U)

R	95.06%	6	0
1	94.44%	5	3
2	85.60%	1	1
3	91.85%	6	1
4	95.11%	0	0
5	86.67%	7	0
6	100.00%	1	0

183 minutes late for school this week, which equals just over 3 hours of missed learning.

Attendance & Punctuality

Huge well done to our Y6 class who have reached the dizzy heights of 100% for the week's attendance – fantastic Y6, now let's keep it going! Y4 have also recorded Zero late marks yet again. Come on other classes!

Hello and Welcome

This week saw Talitha start school with us in KS1. We would like to warmly welcome Talitha and her family to our school community.

Y2

Anna (Y2 teacher) has asked if everyone could please donate any clean cans, plastic bottles, cardboard boxes, in other words clean recyclables for the class project this term. Many thanks.

Science Week

Next week is whole school Science week. Activities have been planned across the school. Please look at the diary dates for any trips. You may also notice in the diary dates on Thursday there is a 'Dress up Day'.

The theme is '**Wild Thing**' (for example **wild animal**) or '**Wild Scientist**'. Please no princesses, fairy's, Harry Potter's etc, '**Wild**' things only.

Envelopes

We have almost used all the donated envelopes located in the hallway that are used to pay for dinners, after school club and school trips. Please can you reuse old envelopes, everyone has mail sent to them not forgetting to clearly mark your child's name and what you are paying for. The preferred option is to pay goods/services online using our secure payment system 'ezPay'

Dates for Your Diary

w/b 25 Apr	Whole School – Wild Science Outdoor week – activities all week
Mon 25 Apr	Reception Class & KS1: OUT to Bristol Uni in the afternoon as part of science week. Back in time for the end of the school day.
Tues 26 Apr	Y3 & Y5: OUT to Bristol Uni in the afternoon as part of science week Back in time for the end of the school day.

Thu 28 Apr	Whole Sch: Dress Up as Wild Thing (animal) or Wild Scientist Day Please note: No Princess, Fairy's, Harry Potters etc it's a 'Wild Theme'
Fri 29 Apr	Y4: OUT Library Visit
Fri 29 Apr	Y3: OUT Library Visit
Mon 2 May	School Closed: Bank Holiday
Wed 4 May	YR: OUT: 'M Shed' a.m. - back by lunchtime Details to follow.
Wed 4 May	Y2: OUT: Leigh Woods Consent and packed lunch required
Fri 6 May	Y2: OUT Library Visit Leaving school at 9:40am, please see Laura if you are able to help
w/b 9 May	Y6: SATs week
Fri 13 May	YR: OUT Library Visit Leaving school at 9:40am, please see Heidi if you are able to help
Fri 13 May	Y6: OUT Library Visit
Tue 17 May	Y1: Travelling Kitchen in school
Wed 18 May	Class and Leavers Photos in the morning. Full school uniform required
Wed 18 May	Code Club: Last session of our teacher led after school club
Thu 19 May	Y3: Travelling Kitchen in school
Fri 20 May	Y1: OUT Library Visit Leaving school at 9:40am, please see Dave if you are able to help
Fri 20 May	Y5: OUT Library Visit
Thu 26 May	Y6: Cotham Secondary School teachers in school a.m. to meet Y6 pupils transferring in September.
Thu 26 May	Whole School Summer Dancing: more details to follow, wholly weather dependent as it's in the Parry Garden. All the fun starts at 2:00pm.
Fri 27 May	Y2: OUT Library Visit Leaving school at 9:40am, please see Laura if you are able to help
Fri 27 May	Y3: OUT Library Visit
Fri 27 May	Non-Uniform Day for NSPCC – National Big Board Game Day Details to follow.
Fri 27 May	End of Term 5: normal time: 3:15pm