



'Enjoying Learning Together'

1 July 2016

Dear Parent/Carer/Governors

Another week has flown past and it has been a very busy one with trips out and the art week being celebrated. Thank you to everyone who came and looked at the beautiful work that has been created.

The photographs for children being caught reading in unusual places and showing their responsibility outside of school keep coming in. A huge thank you to all of you who have sent these. It is great to see the children stopping and engaging with the displays.

A reminder that Breakfast Club begins at 8:00am so please ensure that children do not come before this time as we don't have staff available to supervise them.

Unfortunately a reminder is needed for the end of the day as well. Please ensure you collect your child(ren) promptly at 3:15pm unless they are attending our After School Club. Children who are not collected promptly will be sent to After School Club and a charge of £8.50 will be incurred.

All teachers are entitled to non-contact time, this time is used for planning and meetings both onsite and offsite. During the past term, teachers are continually late for planned appointments while waiting for collection of children.

Can I please remind you that a leave of absence in term time cannot be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. We appreciate that a lot of our families come from overseas and want to return home to see family and friends but we cannot authorise holidays.

One of the biggest issues we have as a school is attendance and the impact that this has on children's attainment and progress. This was brought up in the last Ofsted Inspection and is always a focus from my meetings with the Local Authority. As a result, we need to make sure that attendance continues to improve. We will be issuing fines for parents under certain circumstances but hope that this will be very uncommon. Thank you to everyone who does get their child to school and on time every day as this really helps us in being able to give them the support they need.

I am very pleased to announce that Emma Peel, one of our Year 5 teachers, and her partner Sam are expecting their second child later this year. We are really delighted for them and their wonderful son Leo.

Please see overleaf for the class arrangements for the next academic year.

The classes for Academic Year 2016/2017 will be as follows:

Reception	Heidi Brown
Year 1	Anna Comfort (Monday Tuesday and Wednesday)
Year 1	Sarah Birch (Wednesday Thursday and Friday)
Year 2	Robert Starling
Year 3	Jess Moore (Monday Tuesday and Wednesday)
Year 3	Nicola van der Laan (Wednesday Thursday and Friday)
Year 4	Dave Byron
Year 5	Claire Jones (Monday Tuesday and Wednesday)
Year 5	Linnea Strandh (Wednesday Thursday and Friday)
Year 6	Lauren Wood
Year 6	Emma Peel – will team teach until her maternity leave during Term 2 on (Monday Tuesday and Wednesday)
PPA Cover	Laura Lord ( Thursday and Friday)

Have a great weekend

Stuart.

**R.** This week the children have been innovating 'The Three Little Pigs'. After they found the chipmunks in our classroom they soon decided to change the story to 'The Three Little Chipmunks'. In Mathematics they have been securing their addition skills.

**Y1.** This week we have been writing and performing our own poems. We have also looked at a range of famous poems.

In Maths we have been learning how to recognize coins and notes, then looking at some problem solving with money. It's Being Safe week so we have also looked at internet safety and road safety.

**Y2.** Year 2 really enjoyed visiting Bristol Museum on Monday and we have been inspired to publish our own leaflets persuading people to visit themselves.

In Maths we have been learning to tell the time on analogue and digital clocks to the nearest 5 minutes.

**Y3.** In Year 3 we have been inspired by Ted Hughes to create our own material men - so look out for Gold Girl, Amethyst Man, Rubber Man and Wood Guy coming your way soon!

Our angry islanders have gone on display for the arts trail - do pop in after school to see them if you like.

**Y4.** In English, I was pleased with the children's diaries based on a crocodile that greedily spies a lost lion cub and then goes on ahead to the lion cub's cave to wait for him (can you guess which story this is based on?)

We revisited finding fractions of amounts this week and I think the children are far more confident.

**Y5.** This has been an exciting week in Year 5, as we have returned to our usual routine after 'Art Week'. We have enjoyed evaluating the different learning skills which we were required to use last

week, and talked about how to manage being out of our comfort zones during new learning experiences.

**Y6.** The children have understood lots of different aspects of safety this week and are preparing nicely for their next step in their education.

They were fantastic on the trip to the Avon Valley Railway; the volunteers there commented on what a wonderful class they are!

### Attendance Update

**Data: Monday 27 June – Friday 1 July 2016**

<b>Rocky the Attendance Dog</b>		<b>Punctuality Polar Bear</b>	
Awarded to <b>Y5 with 98.02% attendance recorded for the week – Brilliant Y5!</b> 😊		Awarded to <b>Y4 who yet again has just recorded 1 late mark for the week – Great Y4!</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>	91.50%	5	0
<b>1</b>	90.60%	5	5
<b>2</b>	91.36%	3	2
<b>3</b>	92.73%	9	0
<b>4</b>	96.89%	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>98.02%</b>	2	0
<b>6</b>	95.96%	2	0
<b>399 minutes late for school has been recorded this week. That's almost 7 hours of missed learning due solely to lateness.</b>			

### Industrial Action

Recently the members of the NUT (National Union of Teachers) were balloted and voted to take industrial action. Our school has a number of NUT members and they will be taking industrial action on Tuesday 5 July 2016.

**Reception Class, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6** teachers will be striking on the 5 July 2016 and as a result these classes **will not be open**.

(We are not allowed to cover these classes during industrial action. We appreciate the impact that this will have on parents and carers.)

Our classes in **Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will be open** as usual.

### Mathematics Meeting

A Mathematics meeting, looking at fun ways of how you can help your child with Maths over the holiday, will take place in the school hall on Thursday 14 July 2016 starting at 8:45am. It is likely to take about 45 minutes and *refreshments will be available*.

**Reception and Y2 Class Trip**

A letter went out earlier this week regarding a trip to Weston for both Reception and Y2 classes. The response for consents and the £4 bus payment has been very slow. Packed lunches if required are to be ordered on Monday, so please let us know by Monday morning. Emailed consent is preferred – you will always receive a 'Thank you' in response so you know we have received it.

**Lost Property**

The mountain of lost property in the school hallway is frankly quite staggering! Lots of school uniform, coats and lunch boxes. Please check the basket and the new bag we've acquired to house it all, as all unnamed items will be removed on Thursday 7 July 2016. Clothes will go to a local charity shop and lunchboxes will go in the bin.

**Dates for Your Diary**

Tue 5 Jul	<b>School Closed</b> to pupils in: Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6. <b>School Open</b> to pupils in: Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4.
Fri 8 Jul	<b>Y4: OUT</b> Library Visit
Tue 12 Jul	<b>Y Reception and Y2: OUT</b> School trip to Weston-super-Mare <b>Consent required</b>
Tue 12 Jul	<b>Y6:</b> Evening Performance at the <b>Wickham Theatre:</b> <b>A Midsummer Night's Dream</b> – prompt 7pm start. <b>Entry with Tickets – details to follow.</b>
Wed 13 Jul	<b>Mad Science After School Club</b> – last session in the Y1 classroom this academic year.
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Thur 14 Jul	<b>Whole School: Maths meeting</b> in the school hall. 8:45am start
Mon 18 Jul	<b>Whole School Sports Day</b> here in the morning – details to follow.
Wed 20 Jul	<b>Whole School – Class swap during the morning</b>
Wed 20 Jul	<b>World Picnic Afternoon</b> – details to follow.
Fri 22 Jul	<b>End of Academic Year 2015/2016</b> Normal time: 3:15pm
Thu 1 Sept	<b>Start of Academic Year 2016/2017</b> Normal start time: 8:45am