



8 July 2016

Dear Parent/Carer/Governors

Another great week draws to an end and we only have two more left before another year finishes. Where does the time go?

I want to start by wishing all our Muslim families Eid Mubarak. I hope that you have had a wonderful time with your family and friends.

Next week we won't be sending out a newsletter, due to reports being given out. There are a lot of events happening in the next couple of weeks so please make sure you check the dates at the bottom of the letter. We are all looking forward to the Year 6 performance and World Picnic Day, as well as Sports Day in school and all the trips which are happening.

It is vitally important that you give in the permission slips for trips, along with payments, before the day of the trip. If a slip is brought in on the day of the trip, then unfortunately your child will not be allowed to go. Although payments are voluntary if we don't receive enough money to cover the trip then unfortunately it will have to be cancelled.

I hope that you were all as delighted as we were with our SIAMS report as it showed how special our school is. I am particularly pleased for Nicola, as she has been the driving force behind it, and we wouldn't have been given an Outstanding judgement without her. A big thank you to those of you who came in especially to speak with the inspector.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Stuart

R. This week the children have been writing our innovated story 'The Three Little Chipmunks'. In Mathematics they have been exploring place value and number bonds to 10. We are all very excited about our trip to the beach next Tuesday.

Y1. This week we have been thinking about our number facts and thinking about different ways to make various numbers. We also thought some more about place value. In English the children wrote letters to Rob to tell him all about themselves.

Y2. The class have continued reading the book 'Claude in the City' and have written a 'Wanted Poster' for the burglar in the story.

We have continued to learn to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and record in digital form. We have also done lots of lovely art work on the theme of 'Under the Sea'. We are really looking forward to our trip next Tuesday; don't forget the deadline for money and consent is Monday by 3:30pm!

Y3. Maple Class have been looking at plants this week. We've recapped on what the main parts of the plant are, and done some observational drawings of flowering weeds from around the school. We have also been reading 'Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish', and thinking about how we can use our planet responsibly.

Y4. We've been making gatehouses this week. They've been slow and tricky to do but some of them are now starting to look incredible.

The low numbers in the class have given me a chance to do some one-to-one teaching to fill in some maths gaps. We are also continuing to revisit fractions this week. Having looked at several different models and images representing the same problems, the children seem to be having more 'lightbulb' moments with much better understanding.

Y5. Another dynamic week in Year 5; we have written the last Big Write of the year, learnt to interpret data presented in line graphs, carried out the end of term maths assessment and choir has spent two rewarding sessions over at the Wickham Theatre, preparing for the production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Happy days!

Y6. The class have worked so hard to refine their lines and songs this week – the play is shaping up very well indeed! I am so impressed at how the children's confidence has grown week on week and how they are beginning to morph into their characters and completely embrace the acting.

Attendance Update

Data: Monday 4 – Friday 8 July 2016

Rocky the Attendance Dog		Punctuality Polar Bear	
Awarded to Y6 with 91.77% 😊		Awarded to Reception Class who have recorded ZERO late marks for the week 😊	
Class	% Attendance	Late marks recorded Before close of register (L)	Late marks recorded After close of register (U)
R	78.99%	0	0
1	80.77%	1	3
2	71.60%	1	0
3	82.38%	5	2
4	86.22%	1	0
5	78.28%	6	1

6	91.77%	2	1
<p>Total minutes of children late for school this week = 336 minutes which equals just over 5 and a half hours of missed learning due solely to lateness.</p>			

Tuesday 12 July 2016

Tuesday 12 July is an incredibly busy day with several classes going out of school. If your child is in one of the following classes please ensure that consents and payment where applicable have been attended to.

It is hugely time consuming to continually ask for trip admin to be returned.

Please accept this as a final notice – any children who have not returned the above **will not be eligible** to attend the following trips:

Y Reception and Y2 are OUT to Weston-super-Mare for the day

(Consent and £4 payment is required as is a Packed Lunch, unless you are one of the few who had ordered by last Monday) Children arriving late to school or without a packed lunch will spend the day in our Y1 class.

Y4 are OUT to the '**Red Lodge**' for a workshop for 1.5 hours in the afternoon

(Consent is **not** required for this trip. As it's in the afternoon, lunch arrangements will remain as normal and the class will be back to school by the end of the school day.)

Y5 are OUT to '@Bristol' for the day – this is a free trip and although we wouldn't normally ask for consent as it's a walking trip, consents are required by '@Bristol'. The consent is for permission for them to photograph/film the children.

The class will be gone for the whole school day and **will** require a packed lunch. Children arriving late to school or without a packed lunch will sadly be sent to another class for the day. The three children who are entitled to Free School Meals in Y5 can have a packed lunch provided if they wish.

Avon Wildlife Trust: My Wild City Project in St Michael's Churchyard.

As you will probably know, one of the churchyards at St Michael's on the Mount Without had been squatted in for some time, and then abandoned. The encampment has now been cleared, and the Christmas Steps Arts Quarter association has been liaising with Avon Wildlife Trust (AWT) to improve the churchyard.

Now AWT have been able to take it on as a project as part of My Wild City and will be working with corporate volunteers over Mon-Wed next week (11 to 13 July) to clear the undergrowth, prune trees, and plant native plants, to create the foundations of a really appealing wildlife area in this city centre pocket.

All welcome to support the good works! Just turn up between 10:00am and 4:00pm any day and ask for Matt, the AWT My Wild City Officer.

Any further information please contact Veronica Lyell (Jimmy's mum Year 4) on 07947769241

Dates for Your Diary

Tue 12 Jul	<p>Y Reception and Y2: OUT all day to Weston-super-Mare Consent required and packed lunch required.</p>
Tue 12 Jul	<p>Y4: OUT in the afternoon to the Red Lodge for a Tudor workshop. Normal lunch arrangements apply – back by the end of the day</p>

Tues 12 Jul	Y5: OUT to @Bristol – all day (this is a free trip) Consent and packed lunches required.
Tue 12 Jul	Y6: Evening Performance at the Wickham Theatre: A Midsummer Night's Dream – prompt 7pm start. Entry with Tickets – details to follow.
Wed 13 Jul	Mad Science After School Club – last session in the Y1 classroom this academic year.
Wed 13 Jul	Y6: Evening Performance at the Wickham Theatre: A Midsummer Night's Dream – prompt 7pm start. Entry with Tickets – details to follow.
Thu 14 Jul	Whole School: Maths meeting in the school hall. 8:45am start
Mon 18 Jul	Whole School Sports Day here in the morning – details to follow.
Wed 20 Jul	Whole School – Class swap during the morning
Wed 20 Jul	World Picnic Afternoon – details to follow.
Fri 22 Jul	Leavers' assembly – details to follow.
Fri 22 Jul	End of Academic Year 2015/2016 Normal time: 3:15pm
Thu 1 Sept	Start of Academic Year 2016/2017 Normal start time: 8:45am