



5 May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer/Governors

Another week flies past. I was really impressed to see so many Y1 children coming to see me with their merit sheets this week. It is wonderful to share the successes which our children take so much pride in.

A few of things have come up again this week which I feel the need to readdress. Firstly, if your child is being picked up by another adult, who does not have parental responsibility, then you must inform the school. We will not let children leave, if we do not have this permission. Thank you to all of you who do ring/email to give us this information.

The second thing is giving permission for children to go on school trips. The school policy is that permission slips must be handed in, or emailed in from a known parental email address, to school by 3:30pm on the day before the trip. Any child who does not have this permission will sadly be unable to attend. This is a safeguarding issue as we need to ensure all safety checks, including medical details and risk assessments are in place the night before a trip happens. Again, thank you to everyone who does get their trip slips handed in on time.

The third thing is a reminder to everyone regarding the staff car park. There are no circumstances when parents/carers are authorised to use our staff car park.

Next week are the Year 6 SATs and I know that they have been working even harder than usual in preparation for these. We wish them all the very best and know they will try their best.

Finally we have some exciting staffing events to share with you; today we say "Goodbye and good luck" to Laura who leaves us today to start her maternity leave. Tomorrow Rob our Y2 teacher is getting married. We would all like to wish Rob and his fiancée Lou many congratulations and best wishes for their future.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Stuart

**R.** This week the children have continued to learn 'The Gingerbread Man'. After receiving a phone call from the 'police' the children created wanted posters to help catch the fox. In Mathematics they have been learning about halving. The children have been halving shapes and quantities.

In our Topic lessons they have been learning about floating and sinking through investigating what material they could use to make a boat for the Gingerbread Man.

**Y1.** This week in Maths we have been thinking about missing number calculations. The children have lots of strategies to help them solve them.

In English we have been writing our own story based on 'Monkey See Monkey Do' and have been thinking about using adjectives in sentences.

**Y2.** Year 2 have really enjoyed finding out about food this week. We've learned all about the types of food – proteins, vegetables, carbohydrates and so on. We've also talked a lot about how we can eat healthily by having a good mix of these different food types.

In our writing we have been writing things in the past tense (I was going, I went) and also making sure we describe things in our stories. Thank you to our parents for coming along to the SATs briefing today.

**Y3.** This week we have been busy kick-starting our topic with lots of growing and thanks to the sunshine and green fingers we already have shoots appearing.

Our sports coach, Chris, has been teaching us some basketball skills in PE and we were able to enjoy more outdoor learning in the woods on Thursday. The children enjoyed reflecting on how nature makes them feel.

**Y4.** This week we have still been thinking about 'The Mermaid who Pitied a Sailor'. We've used the story to help us write speech and thought a bit about life at sea.

In Maths, we have carried on looking at converting units of measurement. The class had a lovely trip to the woods and enjoyed spending a bit of time in nature.

**Y5.** This week in Maths, we have been revisiting fractions and decimals, whilst our English lessons included writing some beautifully descriptive pieces based on our new book 'Skellig' by David Almond.

On Thursday we enjoyed a trip to Ashton Hill Woods for the reflective forest experience. The children particularly enjoyed the 'Swing of Solitude', the hammock and decorating their own 'hope' necklaces.

**Y6.** This week, Y6 have been working so hard to revise the different areas of the curriculum that they could come across next week. It's brilliant to see their confidence and happiness come through in lessons, even when they have found a concept tricky. They have also been practising the maypole dance in preparation for the summer dance at the end of term.

### **Attendance Update**

**Data: Tuesday 2 – Friday 5 May 2017**

<b>Rocky the Attendance Dog</b>	<b>Punctuality Polar Bear</b>
Awarded to: <b>Y3 who have reached the dizzy heights of an impressive 100% attendance for the week – FANTASTIC Y3 😊</b>	Awarded to: <b>both Y3 and Y5 who have both recorded ZERO late marks for the week – EXCELLENT Y3 &amp; Y5 😊</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>	95.30%	3	0
<b>1</b>	93.51%	3	1
<b>2</b>	93.65%	0	0
<b>3</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4</b>	95.05%	1	1
<b>5</b>	91.92%	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>6</b>	96.57%	4	0

78 minutes late for school has been recorded this week, which of course doesn't include Monday, Y3 or Y5 children.

### **Hello and Welcome**

This week saw siblings Darren and Dalaya start school with us. We would like to warmly welcome you both and your family to our school community.

### **Y6 Breakfast Club**

For one week only.... During SATs week (next week Monday - Thursday), there will be a free SATs breakfast laid on for Y6 in the hall. Breakfast club will run as normal for everyone else, but Y6 will have their own area and menu. Previous years have shown how important the breakfast is, the class are all together in the hall and are settled and calm as they proceed to class to sit the SATs. Times are 8:00am – 8:25am, all Y6 welcome.

### **Y6 Post-SATs Picnic**

To celebrate the end of SATs, Y6 will be going to Brandon Hill for a picnic lunch on Friday 12 May. In order to make sure the children have a full and balanced lunch, we will be making up sandwiches, crudités and some little treats once the SATs have finished next Thursday. Therefore, we ask that each Y6 child brings in £1 to contribute to the lunch, which must be in by Wednesday, so Lauren can do a shop. It will be a lovely day!

### **Y6 transferring to Cotham in September 2017**

We have had a request to let you know:

"Hi everyone, just to let you know there will be a wee gathering of Y7s-to-be on Sunday 7th May at 2pm in Montpelier Park, St Andrews Road, just up from Montpelier Health Centre. All welcome!"

This was posted on the Cotham School Facebook page, so please check there for additional information.

### **Summer Dancing**

This year's Summer Dancing will take place (weather permitting) Thursday 25 May 2017.

For all new parents and a gentle reminder for those who have been with us a while, the children require a coloured tee-shirt to wear for Summer Dancing please, details:-

YR: Rainbow – (any colour tee-shirt)

Y1: Red

Y2: Orange or Brown  
 Y3: Blue  
 Y4: Green  
 Y5: White  
 Y6: Black

**Under 5s' Free Milk**

Government funded milk ceases when children reach their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. Children can however continue to receive milk which then becomes payable, directly from the dairy which is based in Weston-super-Mare. If you wish to order milk please contact the dairy directly: 01934 510950. They can process your order and payment.

**Dates for Your Diary**

w/b 8 May	<b>Y6: SATs week</b>
Mon 15 May	<b>Whole School:</b> Class and Leavers Photos School uniform must be worn
w/b 15 May	Final week for the following Teacher Led After School Clubs: Hockey, Running and Cookery Club.
Thu 25 May	<b>Whole School:</b> Summer Dancing – weather dependent. Details re times etc to follow.
Fri 26 May	<b>End of Term 5</b> Normal time: 3:15pm
Mon 5 Jun	<b>Start of Term 6</b> Normal time: 8:45am
Mon 5 Jun	New price for daily dinners come into effect: £2.05 daily £10.25 per week per child in Y3 Y4 Y5 & Y6.
Tues 20 Jun	Final session of Teacher Led Creative Writing After School Club