



19 May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer/Governors

Firstly I'd like to say a huge well done to Elijah, Ameen, Talia, Catherine, Sakariye, Mikeas, Kaylee and Maia who took part in the Y3/4 tennis competition on Thursday. Both teams performed amazingly well, with one winning all five of their group games and therefore progressed to the final (where we came up against a near-professional outfit from Ashley Down who were just too good for us). They were all a real credit to the school.

The construction company Kier visited us this week and led a whole school assembly on building site safety. It was really informative and the children got to meet the Kier mascot 'Kieran'. If you pass any construction sites see if your child can spot safe/unsafe features.

We hope to see you next week at the summer dancing on Thursday afternoon.

Have a great weekend.  
James

**YR.** This week the children have been inventing their own stories. They created story mountains to help them write their stories.

In Mathematics they have been exploring the part-part whole model. We are looking forward to our trip to Pizza Express on Tuesday morning!

**Y1.** This week in Year One we have been thinking about writing non chronological reports about animals. The children spent time researching different animals and have written reports on their chosen animal.

In Maths we have been counting in 2s 5s and 10s and using these skills to multiply. Ask the children to show you their skills in counting!

**Y2.** Chestnut Class have been planting broad beans this week. We changed some of the conditions to see what a plant needs to grow well. We have been checking our beans every day to see if they have changed.

We have also had our first SATs in reading, which the children have done with a really positive attitude. Homework this week is to have a rest and keep fed and rested. Go and play with friends, read a book or draw something.

**Y3.** This week the children have been very observant scientists, looking closely at all of the plants we now have in the classroom and observing a flower dissection. They were fascinated by all of the parts and learned about how they contribute to pollination.

In RE, we looked at how people express their identity and beliefs through art, and the children created some art work that expressed their own identities, beliefs and experiences; it prompted some amazing, thoughtful discussion!

**Y4.** This week the children have been learning about angles and shapes. They have learnt to classify angles.

The children have continued to practise their summer dance. Some of the class went to represent the school in a tennis competition.

**Y5.** We have been working with angles on a straight line and angles in triangles this week. This aspect of mathematics allows us to exercise our reasoning skills.

In English, we have said goodbye to 'Skellig' and practised our analytical thinking, reflecting on its powerful themes of friendship, the wonder of nature and the beyond, as well as reviewing the book. We have also begun rehearsing the songs from this year's Shakespeare production, 'Romeo and Juliet'.

**Y6.** Year 6 have been producing some fantastic pieces of writing based on 'The Book Thief'. They have shown brilliant empathy with the main character's plight, writing about her eventful journey to Munich.

They have also been practising different parts of the play, wowing all of us with their superb drama skills!

### Attendance Update

**Data: Monday 15 – Friday 19 May 2017**

<b>Rocky the Attendance Dog</b>		<b>Punctuality Polar Bear</b>	
Awarded to: Y6 who have reached the dizzy heights of <b>99.56%</b> attendance for the week, closely followed by Y2 with <b>99.38%</b> attendance – Brilliant both classes 😊		Awarded to Y5 who have recorded <b>ZERO</b> late marks for the week – Brilliant Y5! 😊	
<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>	91.01%	4	0
<b>1</b>	91.41%	2	1
<b>2</b>	99.38%	0	1
<b>3</b>	88.43%	1	1
<b>4</b>	93.59%	2	0
<b>5</b>	90.12%	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>99.56%</b>	1	0

259 minutes late for school has been recorded this week, (of course this doesn't include any children from Y5) which is over 4 hours of missed learning due solely to lateness. ☹

### **After School Club**

Reminder: After School Club operates every day during term time from **3:15pm-5:55pm at a cost of £8.50 per session**. The hall is used every evening, so we have to vacate the building to allow full access for the cleaner at 6:00pm.

Please call **07583 704797** if you are unavoidably running late. If a message has not been received by 5:55pm, the Play Worker will contact you between 5:55pm-6:00pm.

**Please note:** you may incur an extra charge if children are not collected by 5:55pm.

### **Teacher Led After School Clubs**

The following Teacher Led After School Clubs have **FINISHED** for this academic year:

- Monday: Hockey and Running
- Tuesday: Sewing
- Thursday: Cookery

Please ensure you collect your child(ren) at 3:15pm next week, unless they are booked into the main payable After School Club.

**Y2 Multi Sports Club** on Wednesdays and **Creative Writing** on Tuesdays will continue (see dates below for the end of Creative Writing).

Please note: the finish time for clubs is 4:15pm. Children who are not picked up at 4:15pm could be ineligible to attend future sessions, please be on time.

### **Summer Dancing**

This year's Summer Dancing will take place (weather permitting) Thursday 25 May 2017 at 2pm in the Parry Garden. 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

Please keep mobile phones handy in case of inclement weather. We will text you if the dancing is cancelled. If you don't hear from us, please assume the dancing extravaganza will go ahead as planned.

### **Westbury Wipeout**

The past three years pupils from St. Michael's have taken part in the Westbury Wipeout. Full details can be found here if you are interested:

<https://www.westburyharriers.com/events/westbury-wipeout/>

We have been told places are extremely limited, so do be quick!

**Tea and Cakes**

Tea and cakes in the playground after Summer Dancing next Thursday – 25 May 2017. It would be really helpful if you could please buy or make a cake(s) for the event. The more cakes the merrier so please donate!

We also need plenty of volunteers to help set up, serve or clear up on the day. A sign-up sheet will be on the door leading into the office from Monday. Hope everyone can come along.

**Dates for Your Diary**

Tue 22 May	<b>YR: OUT</b> Pizza Express
Thu 25 May	<b>Whole School:</b> Summer Dancing – weather dependent. All the fun starts at <b>2pm in the Parry Garden.</b>
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.
Tue 6 Jun	<b>YR: OUT</b> Windmill Hill City Farm <b>Consent will be required as transport will be used.</b>
Wed 7 Jun	<b>Y6: OUT</b> Pizza Express – details to follow
Tues 20 Jun	Final session of Teacher Led Creative Writing After School Club