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Primary School

## Newsletter May 2015

Dear Parents,

The heating has gone off in school so it must be British summertime! Please ensure your child has a water bottle and a hat for the sun as we move closer to summer 'proper'. We will try to eat outside again as the weather picks up but a hat is a necessary tool for this.

### Kids' Corner

Some of the children in school have come up with a creative way of having their say over things going on in and around school. This first report focuses on some Class 2 news...

#### **Class 2 has company!**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, Mrs Watts, our Chair of the governing body, brought in some 'new additions' to the class. In three weeks they will be cute and fluffy and everyone will want to hold them. You guessed it! They're chickens! (Well...eggs at the moment!). You are all welcome to come in and see them. "I can't wait. They'll be so cute when they hatch," says Sophie and everyone else.

### Lunches

As you know, we now have a staggered lunchtime and this means that there are less children both in the hall and outside. Therefore, we are able to let all the children play sports every day, adding to the amount of exercise and PE they are experiencing. At the moment, the children are playing tennis, football and rounders at lunchtimes. All children have access to this option and we only stop an activity from going ahead if there are issues the children are finding difficult to manage – e.g., too many arguments over football. Please encourage your child to take part and to ensure they are properly equipped – shin guards and a change of clothes are a must for football, for example.

### Stanton Harcourt Summer Festival

#### **Prince and Princess**

Hannah Cummings, last year's Summer Festival Queen, came in to school today to pick out names for the Prince and Princess for this year's Festival on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>. We're pleased to announce that Thomas Gibbs is the Prince and the Princess will be Victoria Wrembel.

#### **School/FOSHS floats**

Please let Gemma Barry know if you would be happy to help with creating the two floats - one for Bunnies and Foundation and another for the older children. If you have design ideas please note they need to be simple!

### **FOSHS news**

The committee met earlier this week to look ahead and have several ideas in the planning stages. We're happy to say that this includes providing refreshments for our various events at the end of the year but this means man-power is required. Please volunteer to help. School is very grateful to the committee for all the fund-raising they do and for helping to create opportunities for parents, staff and children to get together. The next meeting is on May 20<sup>th</sup>, venue to be confirmed.

### **Request for plants and seeds**

Class Two are designing an Alice in Wonderland garden outside the classroom. If you have any spare plants or seeds you could donate to school, please drop them in and we will do the rest.

### **Do you have any Alice in Wonderland artefacts?**

If you have any toys, books or any other artefacts to do with Alice in Wonderland we would love to borrow them to broaden our knowledge for the topic. We particularly need a croquet set. Please get in touch if you have one you'd be prepared to lend us.

### **The Knave of Hearts' Trial**

On 7<sup>th</sup> May, the school will be involved in the trial of the Knave of Hearts. We'd be very grateful if parents could provide donations of jam tarts for the children to eat following the trial. Obviously not every parent needs to bring in a packet, so please talk to other parents!

### **Uniform**

Please continue to ensure that children have the correct uniform in school. You can visit the school website as a reminder, but I just wanted to highlight the requirements for PE - children should not be wearing football kits for PE. Trainers, if worn as part of main uniform, should be completely black.

### **Behaviour**

We have been working on our new behaviour policy for some time to ensure that all staff have had some input and I will taking it to school council next week. Once we have done this, it will be shared with governors and published on the school website. In the meantime, we are being very firm with all children about how high our expectations are and about how we will respond to both good and poor behaviour. The children know that, after three warnings, their entitlement to play and sports clubs will be affected. I will detail this for you and them further when the policy is ready for going 'live'.

### **Great outdoors club**

This club is very busy and is always pleased if any parents would like to come and help on Wednesdays. We'd also be happy to have any donations of plants for the pond area.

### **Picking up from after school clubs**

Please note that children at outdoor clubs will take their belongings out with them to the wooden outdoor classroom. There should be no need therefore for them to come back into school at 4:15 pm. Doors are locked and the cleaner needs to do her work then!

**Calling Year 5 and 6 girls: Opportunity for joining the Witney Tower Hill Vixens' girls football team**

Please get in touch with Paul, the team coach, on 07584 856771 if you are interested in joining.

**Dinner orders**

We have come across a few instances when children who have signed up for a dinner under the Universal Infant Free School Meals system have not eaten their hot dinner as they have been provided with a packed lunch. Although the meals aren't paid for by parents, they are paid for by the school and as the system is set up to only provide on the basis of take up on a "snapshot" day each year, we are likely to be underfunded! *Please make sure that you always let us know if your child is not going to be taking school lunch.*

We'd like to continue to use the simple system whereby at the end of term you let us know of changes to your dinner order. We will send invoices and place orders on this basis so it is up to you to ensure you notify us! An email or note to the office is fine or you can fill in the form attached. The new term starts on 1<sup>st</sup> June so please let us know by 15<sup>th</sup> May if you'd like to make changes. A reply slip is attached.

## May's newsletter will be in your email inbox!

### Dates for your diary

#### May – updated 01.05.15

6<sup>th</sup> **1:15 Church Service at St Michael's**

7<sup>th</sup> The Knave of Hearts' Trial

6:30 Governors' Curriculum and Communication Committee

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> SATs week

20<sup>th</sup> Bake off Competition

21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 Governors' Resources Committee, 7:30 Full Governing Body meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> End of term 5

#### June

1<sup>st</sup> Start of term 6

3<sup>rd</sup> **1:15 Church Service at St Michael's**

10<sup>th</sup> **6:30 – 7:30 pm Maths Workshops for Parents**

15<sup>th</sup> 2pm Choir leave for **Festival of Voices, concert at 6:30 pm Dorchester Abbey**

20<sup>th</sup> Summer Festival

23<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 – 11:00 Cycle training Year 5 and 6

24<sup>th</sup> **11:00 – 12:00 Sports morning for Bunnies**

**1:30 – 3:10 Sports Afternoon for FS to Year 6**

25<sup>th</sup> Moving up day: Bartholomew Transfer Day for Year Six

6:30 Resources meeting

7:30 Budget Ratification meeting for Full Governing Body

30<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11:00 Cycle training Year 5 and 6

#### July

1<sup>st</sup> 9:30 – 11:00 Cycle training Year 5 and 6

**1:15 Church Service at St Michael's**

6<sup>th</sup> – all week - Hat designs for Mad Hatter's tea party

9:30 – 11:00 Cycle training Year 5 and 6

7<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11:00 Cycle training Year 5 and 6

8<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11:00 Cycle training Year 5 and 6 (extra lesson if needed)

**1:00 – 3:00 Race for Life – whole school and parents**

**3:30 – 6:00 Parents evening for all school except Bunnies**

9<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11:00 Cycle Test Year 5 and 6

Mad Hatter's Tea Party at lunchtime

**3:30 – 6:00 Parents evening for Years 1 – 6**

3:15 – 4:15 Drama Club Dress Rehearsal at the Village Hall

14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 10:45 Drama Club rehearsal at Village Hall

**2:00 – 3:10 Drama Club Pirates of the Curry Bean performance at the Village Hall**

16<sup>th</sup> **2:00 pm End of Year Celebrations at the Village Hall**

6:30 Governors' Resources Committee, 7:00 Full Governing Body meeting 7:30 Staff and Governors

End of Year meeting

17<sup>th</sup> School year ends 1:15



## Dinner order changes for Term 6 – June 1<sup>st</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup> 2015

**(ONLY COMPLETE IF YOU WISH TO CHANGE YOUR CHILD'S ORDER)**

**Please order meals on the following days (tick days required)**

Name	Class	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri

Signed.....Date.....