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A word from the Head

We are now well and truly into the swing of the summer term. The children enjoyed the summer festival enormously and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the organisers for their support for school's input. As always, the school grounds were unaffected and left immaculately clean, and the whole community was able to enjoy a wonderfully sunny and exciting afternoon.

The next three weeks will see a very busy schedule in school, as is normal for this time of year. Anyone who says, *You must be enjoying the wind down to the summer holidays* doesn't have children! Although we keep reminding them that there are several weeks to go, we are looking forward to the many end of term activities that we have coming up – see the dates at the end of the newsletter. Please check which activities you are welcome to attend and join us if you can.

This will be the last newsletter for this term. I would like to thank so many of you for your continued support for what we are doing for your children. I firmly believe that educating is a partnership and I welcome input from parents and the wider community – if you have something to share, please contact us and give – you will be welcome! Have a great summer and enjoy your family time.

A word from the office

School dinners next year

From September 2014 we will offer free school meals for all Reception and Class One pupils as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) initiative put in place by the Department of Education (DFE).

Research has shown that healthy free school meals improve children's learning and productivity, whilst saving you money in tough times.

Our school meals meet strict nutritional standards, and the quality and sustainability of our meals is regularly monitored.

You will need to let us know in advance which days you will require meals (paid or free!) as obviously food will have to be ordered. We will invoice you for the term if necessary once we have this information and you can pay by BACS if you'd like to. As a parent I'm sure I'd have signed my older children up for cooked meals if my younger ones were being given them for free; no more cooking for children on weekdays!

FOSHS

A big thank you to all those parents who helped prepare the two floats which the children rode in the Carnival Procession for the Summer Festival. FOSHS will provide refreshments at our Gallery Evening and Drama Performance. Many thanks.

The Eynsham Partnership Academy

July 1st sees the last of our partnership schools joining the EPA. This means that all seven schools have now joined and, as the Primary Lead Director and one of the 14 directors of the EPA, I am passionately determined that we keep the children at the centre of everything we are doing. The Board of Directors have begun to meet and to ensure the smooth running of the company. If you have any queries about the running of the company, please do not hesitate to ask! The whole point of conversion was to ensure the future of excellent education and provision for our 2-19 year olds and we are working very well across the EPA to make sure that remains the priority.

As for Stanton Harcourt, please be assured that our children and the progress of our school are my number one priority! This is also true for our dedicated team of governors and the progress of both school and the EPA are at the heart of everything we plan.

Safety issues regarding car use

Please could you ensure you do **not** drive down the lane at school pick-up or drop-off times. The lane is narrow and children may be crossing it. If you live in the village please consider walking or scooting/cycling to school rather than using the car. If you DO drive, please consider the fact that children are on foot at either end of the day and are vulnerable.

Swimming next year

Pupils in Class Three will be going swimming every Tuesday in Terms 1, 2 and 3 (except for 2nd September!) while those in Class Two will get the chance later in terms 4, 5 and 6. Lessons are at the Windrush Pool in Witney from 11:30 – 12:30, so on Tuesdays school lunches are at 12:30 – 1:30 pm. Pupils who need to wear goggles to swim must have a letter regarding this from parents for the school to keep on file. One piece costumes for girls and close-fitting trunks for boys are required. The summer holiday is the ideal time to get your child to practise getting themselves dressed after swimming as they will have to do this quickly!

APPLYING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS COULD RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

Did you know that schools can receive additional funding for pupils who are eligible for free school meals PRE the UIFSM initiative? This funding is known as Pupil Premium.

It's important to sign up even though school meals will become free in September, as registering can raise an extra **£1300** for your child's school from the DFE. This money can fund valuable support like extra learning, teaching assistants or help with costs of after school clubs.

Even if you don't want your child to receive a free meal, we would encourage you to register so that the school receives as much funding as possible!

HOW THE INFORMATION IN THE FORM WILL BE USED

The information you provide in this form will be used by the school to assess, and if eligible, claim extra grant money from the Government to provide extra learning or to assess charges for school trips or after school clubs.

It is really important that you complete all the information asked for in this form to help make sure our school is as well funded as possible!

Please ask the office for a form or download one here; [Free School Meals Application Form](#) complete it, and bring it in. This will be treated in the strictest confidence.

After school clubs next year

We will be working with Ignite Sports again to provide a club on Wednesdays (we'll be having a taster for the game of Quidditch on Thursday 4th September!) and hope to provide other clubs on the remaining nights using our TAs and teachers. If you have any skills or hobbies you would like to share with children, please let us know and we will be only too happy to include you in our plans. Spanish Club has been greatly enhanced by having Emma and Marcus's Mum helping out lately!

Festival of Voices

Thank you to all the children who attended the Festival of Voices and joined in so beautifully with the singing. A special thank you from Mrs Walsh to Denise Taylor for helping us out and to all the parents who supported their children by attending the evening performance.

From Mrs Jupp: I would like to say my own thank you to both Mrs Taylor and Mrs Walsh for taking the children. This is a wonderful event and I have been many time in the past. The children have very few opportunities to be part of a larger orchestra or choir and to experience the feeling of being part of a wide musical collaboration. We are hoping as an academy to provide more opportunities for them and look forward to being able to inform you of such enriching experiences next year.

Use our website

<http://www.stantonharcourtschool.org.uk/>

Eco-committee (from Mrs Hemming)

A new project, the transformation of the pond area into a reflective eco-friendly space is just starting. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Drama (from Miss Baldock)

This term the children have been given the opportunity to work from a script. We have focused on characterisation, choreography and song. We have looked at the process of putting on a production - learning lines, stage management and set making. It has been a lot of fun and we look forward to sharing our work with all of the school and as many parents as can come along to see our production of Mulan on the 18th July at 2:30 in the Village Hall. All parents are invited, not just those whose children are in the club - ALL children will need to be picked up from the Village Hall at 3:10 on that day so come a little bit earlier, have some refreshments provided by FOSHS, and enjoy the show!

Gardening Club (from Miss Wilson)

We have had a lot of fun growing plants from seeds. The children have done really well over the last two terms and the gardens are looking great! They have learned how plants grow and what they need to thrive. The children have all had smiles on their faces, even when weeding! Well done, gardening club!

Rounders (from Mrs Hemming)

What a super term. Everyone has become a really great all-rounder. I hope the children have enjoyed it as much as the teachers have! ☺

OOSH (Orchestra) (from Mrs Ramm)

Thank you to **all** our musicians but in particular Mrs Taylor. We have been particularly lucky to welcome Emily Jones from Year 5, our pianist, who has learned a very challenging part to a commendably high standard. This will be Hannah Cox's, Year 6, last music concert. We will miss her violinist expertise next year. Another successful year culminates in our concert tomorrow morning at 9:15 - we hope all parents, not just those whose children are performing, will enjoy hearing Drunken Sailor and Beside the Seaside!

Spanish Club (from Mrs Middleton)

We've had great fun in Spanish Club this term learning lots of new phrases and letters. We've been very lucky to have had Mrs Apps join us to teach us songs and the children have all really enjoyed singing Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes in Spanish. We look forward to more people coming along next term; we have lots more to learn to help you with your holidays in Spain!

Dates for your diary - Parents are invited to the things in bold

July

- 1st Reception and Class One Seaside Holiday workshops
- 2nd **9:15 Music Concert (performances from individuals, groups and orchestra)**
1:15 Church Service for school
- 4th Class Three Cycle Training course starts with a bike check
- 7th Second Moving Up Morning – new children will be at school
- 9th **11:00 Sports Morning for Bunnies**
1:30 Sports Afternoon for Reception – Year 6
- 10th 6:00 pm Resources committee meet
7:00 Full Governing Body meeting with staff in attendance
- 15th **Swimming Gala Class Two and Three 11:00 -12:00 Windrush Leisure Centre**
- 16th **6 – 7:30 pm Gallery – showcasing all our work for the term’s Take One Picture project**
- 18th 9:30 – 11:00 Cycle test
2:30 Drama Club performance of “Mulan” at the Village Hall (pick up your children from there!)
- 21st **2:00 End of year service at St Michael’s Church**
- 22nd **9:15 Leaver’s Assembly**
End of school year 1:15

September

- 1st Staff in school for an INSET day
- 2nd Pupils return to school
- 3rd **1:15 First Church Service of the year at St Michael’s**
- 4th Quidditch Taster sessions in the morning for Class One, Two and Three (Ignite Sports)
- 8th Class Three going to Junior Citizen training
- 9th **First Swimming lesson for Class Three**

October

- 2nd All schools in EPA closing at 12:00 for joint INSET
- 3rd All EPA primary schools closed for INSET

July’s newsletter will be in your email inbox and on the website.

Please return the slip below even if your child does not wish to have school lunches next year.

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Free School Meals for Reception, Year One and Two in Sept 2014

Please indicate days on which your child(ren) who will be in reception, year 1 or year 2 next September will require free school meals

As we know this may make a difference to the take up of meals higher up the school, **please also indicate the days on which older children will pay for a meal.**

My child(ren) does not wish to take school lunches

I wish to order school lunch on:

Child’s name	Year group in Sept 2014	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday