



Working together... Learning for life





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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4. We are now over halfway through the academic year and I am looking forward to the exciting things planned this term including Focus week, World book day, Parents evening and Parent Forum – in a 5 week term it's going to be a busy few weeks!

Golden assembly this week was a highlight. It is always hard for teachers to choose from the wonderful learners in our classes so well done to our gold learners: *Gracie-May, Indie, Aimee, William, Connor, Morgan and Mia-Mae.*

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Willcox, Headteacher

**Attendance**


Attendance so far this year is still 97.6%. This is slightly above last year's equivalent figure (96.6%) despite some children continuing to have regular periods of absence during Term 3.

I will reviewing attendance for all children next week and arranging meetings with all families whose children have fallen significantly below our school attendance target to discuss ways the school can support them to improve this. Regular broken weeks (weeks in which a child misses one or two days) have a significant impact on the attainment and enjoyment of children so it is important that we address this by working together.

**Reminder:** if your child is unwell you must contact the school every day they are absent. Please also let us know the reason they are off school so we can add a note to their attendance record (this helps identifying patterns if there is continued absence).

**PARENTS EVENINGS YR – Y6**

A reminder that parents evenings are next week. The dates are **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** and **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.**



**WORLD BOOK DAY**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March by dressing up as our favourite book heroes and inspirational characters. There are lots of fantastic, fun and easy ideas online to get you started! This will link to our learning for focus week.

**CLUBS CANCELLED**

ALL school run clubs are cancelled next week due to parents evenings. Please note that Future Stars after school club will run as normal.

**PARKING NEAR SCHOOL**

We have had reports from several parents that people are not showing respect to our neighbours when parking their cars to drop off and pick up children from school. This is a polite reminder for everyone to please be respectful when parking outside other people's houses.





The Friends have teamed up with a recycling company called "Rags2Riches" as an easy fundraiser. Your child should have brought a 'Rags2Riches' bag home, all bags need to be returned to school by Wednesday 7th March. In return the Friends will get 50p per kilo. All this money will be distributed to the school to further enrich our children's educational experience. Thank you for your support.



**WE ACCEPT CLEAN, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING:**

<b>Clothes:</b> Adult's clothes Children's clothes  <b>Other:</b> Shoes (tied in pairs) Jewellery Bedding Bath & hand towels	<b>Accessories:</b> Belts Hats Scarves Gloves Bags Purses Wallets Tights Ties Underwear (new)	<b>WE DO NOT ACCEPT:</b>  DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES, PIECES OF CLOTH, PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS, CDs OR CLOTHES WITH SCHOOL BADGES SEWN ON.
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The next school disco is on Friday 9th March. Key stage 1 5-6pm, Key stage 2 6:15 - 7:30pm. Please put it in your diary, further details to follow in next couple of weeks.

Please look for the leaflet to book a place that was sent home today.

### CLASS OF THE WEEK



The teachers have voted and persuaded.... and Class of the week goes to **Butterflies Class.**



Butterfly class have been awesome and demonstrated courage, when they performed their rainforest song to Year 6 in the amphitheatre this week. They have also shown great pride in their work too.

### PE NEWS



We have been invited to take part in a charity 'Swimarathon' by the Thornbury Rotary Club on the weekend of Sat 3rd/Sun 4th of March. Children of all ages are invited, but must be able to swim 25m lengths in a relay team of 6. The sessions are in the evenings (6.15pm/7.15pm/8.15pm) The event will be to raise sponsorship with the charities including Cystic Fibrosis and Jigsaw Thornbury among others. Ask your child to speak to Mrs Szmaglik in school if this is something they might be interested in.



Following the 'Family Snack Challenge' the prizes have been drawn today!

The winners were, Ben Year R, Andrew Year 3 and Lilly-Ann Year 5. Well done !!

Check out Change4Life online for free snack vouchers!



**LEARNING AT CHARFIELD**



## Butterflies learning this week:

This week in Year 1, we have been looking at the story, 'The mixed up chameleon (Eric Carle)' about a Chameleon who just wants to be like all the other animals in the zoo. As a class, we performed the story with actions before thinking about the types of animals that we would like to be.

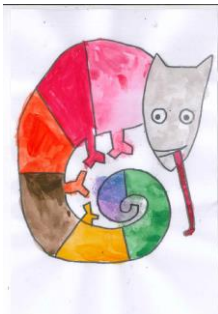
I wish I could have  
a long neck like a  
giraffe. I wish I could  
hide like a turtle. ✓

Name: ME

I wish I could jump like a frog.  
I wish I could roar like a tiger.  
I wish I could have long legs like a  
flamingo.

Name: EKN

We also used watercolours to paint the chameleon. We had to mix the colours carefully to create different shades and colours.



In maths, we measured and compared the heights of different rainforest animals using metre sticks.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



## FAMILY YOGA



New Class – Family Yoga Sessions starting 24<sup>th</sup> February at Kingswood Village Hall at 9.30 – 10.15am.

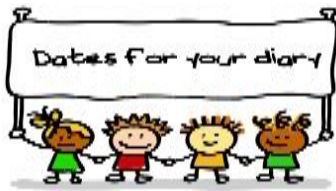
This class is designed for children and parents to have fun exploring different stretches and movements, breathing exercises and relaxation. It's a great way for the whole family to exercise together in a fun and relaxed way.

Any age welcome from 2 years upwards. £5 per child (adults free when accompanying a child).

Please contact Vicky on 07971407945, [vicky@theyogabird.com](mailto:vicky@theyogabird.com), Facebook – The Yoga Bird or [www.theyogabird.com](http://www.theyogabird.com)



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DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
26/02/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	FOCUS WEEK 2
26/02/18	Mon	17:30	20:00	Parents Evening 2 Late
28/02/18	Wed	15:30	17:30	Parents Evening 2 Early
01/03/18	Thu	N/A	N/A	World Book Day
01/03/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 3 Swimming Starts
08/03/18	Thu	12:00	12:20	Open Class - Dragonflies (Y5)
08/03/18	Thu	12:20	13:15	YEAR 5 – Parent Lunch
16/03/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Photographer - Class & Leavers
22/03/18	Thu	15:20	15:45	Open Class – Butterflies (Y1)
23/03/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Term 4 Ends
09/04/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	INSET Day 5
10/04/18	Tue	N/A	N/A	Term 5 Begins
12/04/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 3 Swimming Ends
19/04/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 1 Swimming Starts
04/05/18	Fri	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Beetles (Y3)
10/05/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 1 Swimming Ends
14/05/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Year 6 SAT Week
17/05/18	Thu	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Ladybirds (Y4)
18/05/18	Fri	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Caterpillars (EYFS)
24/05/18	Thu	09:30	12:00	Infant Sports Day
24/05/18	Thu	12:00	13:00	Sports Day Picnic
24/05/18	Thu	13:30	03:00	Junior Sports Day
25/05/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Term 5 Ends
04/06/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Term 6 Begins
04/06/18	Mon	13:30	15:20	Y6 Block Swimming Session Starts
08/06/18	Fri	13:30	15:20	Y6 Block Swimming Session Ends
11/06/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Phonics Screening Week
13/06/18	Wed	N/A	N/A	Reserve Sports Day
14/06/18	Thu	12:00	12:20	Open Class - Bumblebees (Y6)
14/06/18	Thu	12:20	13:15	YEAR 6 – Parent Lunch
14/06/18	Thu	14:00	15:30	Year 1 Swimming Starts
14/06/18	Thu	18:00	19:00	New Reception Parents Evening
02/07/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	FOCUS WEEK 3
04/07/18	Wed	19:00	20:00	Music Evening

05/07/18	Thu	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Grasshoppers (Y2)
13/07/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Reports to Parents
18/07/18	Wed	19:00	20:30	Leavers Play
19/07/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 1 Swimming Ends
20/7/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Term 6 Ends



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