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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 5 of the school year – what a rainy start although I hear we have sunshine forecast for next week so perhaps Spring is finally on its way!

The classes have all been busy this week starting new learning and I have particularly enjoyed hearing stories from Reception about Jack & his Beanstalk as well as seeing (and hearing) Year 1 begin their pirates theme – their science experiment on creating boats to float their treasure was a highlight! Elsewhere in the school Year 6 have been exploring story writing using video as a prompt and I am looking forward to the resulting writing.

In other news - we have recently advertised for a new deputy to replace the role Mrs Westwood left. Before the holidays we had lots of interested candidates visiting the school and they all commented on how friendly our setting is and how enthusiastic, engaged and polite our children are. I will update you soon regarding the appointment.

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Willcox, Headteacher



**Attendance**

Attendance so far this year is 96.1% which is slightly above last year's equivalent figure (95.1%) but a drop overall compared to last term. As the weather improves sickness and bugs should hopefully reduce and attendance will rise again but, as with all new terms, I will be reviewing individual attendance for all children next week and arranging meetings with any families whose children have fallen significantly below our school attendance target to discuss ways the school can support them to improve this

**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).

Please also note, we will always send child(ren) home if they are not well enough to be here, if you are not sure please send your child in and let us know they are not feeling 100%, or ring and ask and we will be happy to help.

**Free school meals**

Who qualifies for free school meals  
Under current rules, your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

**What's happening next week?**

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 catch up swim
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 swimming starts



- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

If you think you may be eligible please use the following link to apply [www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals)



### MUSIC LESSONS

We have availability for piano, guitar, violin and cello lessons. If you are interested please call into the school office for more information.



### CLASS OF THE WEEK



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

They have been working independently, solving maths investigations. Their enthusiasm and resilience since returning to school after the Easter holidays has been amazing.



### LOST PROPERTY

Due to the increasing accumulation of unclaimed clothing and lost property, from next week the lost property will go out on the playground (in boxes) after school for reclaiming every Friday and on the last day of term. Any unclaimed items will go to the textile bank.  
Thank you.



### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Summer Term clubs will start week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> April and the range on offer can be found below.

The electronic form to register for a club can be found on our school website or by clicking [here](#).

Club	For	Led by	When & End Time	Where
Film Club	KS2	Mr Higgins	Thurs Lunchtime	Year 5
Rounders Club FULL	Y3-6	Mr Galsworthy/ Mrs Riglar	Mon 4:10	Field
Mathletics	All	Mrs Morrissey	Mon Lunchtime	ICT Suite / Library Limit of 15
Netball	Y4,5 and 6	Mrs Szmaglik	Thurs 4:10	Playground
Sports Club Paid	All	Future Stars	Tuesday	Info from future Stars
Cooking Club FULL	KS1	Miss Phillips/Mrs Tyler	Thursday 4.20	Cookery Room Limit of 6 children
Cheer leading club	KS2	Miss Chapman	Weds lunchtime	Room 8



### SWIMMING HELPERS – YEAR 1

Year 1 will start their swimming lessons on 19<sup>th</sup> April, and to meet the ratio for Health and Safety we need 1 more volunteer to accompany them to and from the pool on the coach. You are free to relax and have a coffee during the lessons. Without help these lessons will not be able to go ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.



## SPORTS NEWS

### Gymnastics

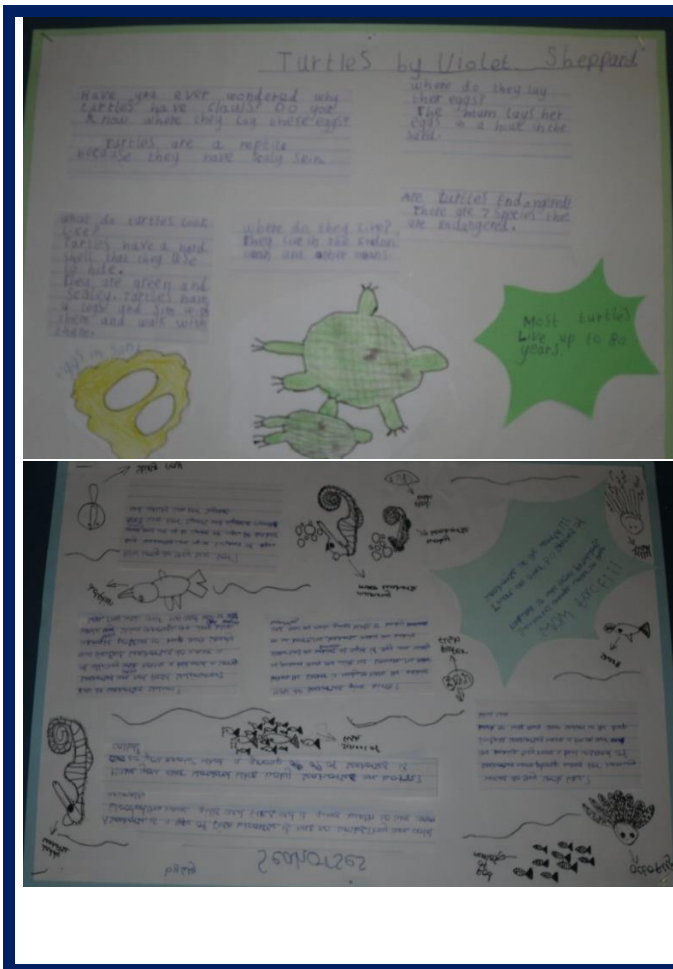
We have been invited to enter a team of children into a gymnastics competition at King Edmund Gym Club on the afternoon of Monday 4th June.

The Level 2 status means it is aimed at children who take part in a gymnastics club outside of school and are able to complete floor and vault work. There is a competition for Y3/4 and Y5/6.

We would like to gauge interest from the children before entering a team. Please ask your child to confirm with Mrs Szmaglik that they would be interested, before the end of next week. As with all our sporting activities, we will only be able to offer a limited number of places.

### Future Stars

Following a parent enquiry, Future Stars have confirmed they are more than happy to accept payment for their after school club one term at a time. Please contact Future Stars directly to arrange this. We always have positive feedback from children about the after school club and they depend on a minimum number of children signing up in order to run the club. If you are interested, please check their website [www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk](http://www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk)



## LEARNING AT CHARFIELD



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

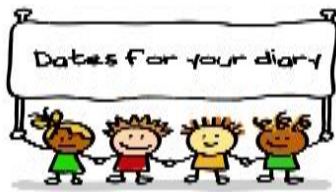


*After our exciting trip to the Bristol Aquarium, Grasshoppers wrote non-chronological reports about sea creatures.*

*We researched our chosen animal and then wrote paragraphs about them. We had to write subheadings as questions and write an opening to hook the reader. They were all so superb Mrs Morrissey crammed as many as possible on to a display!*



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DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
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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