

11th May 2018

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Dear Parents,

Although the week started with an extra days rest the children (and teachers) have not slowed down and have squeezed a full week's work into four days, including some more fantastic learning opportunities.

Year 1 started the week with a trip around the village to identify flowers and plants as part of their science work. They clearly learnt lots and have told me about many of the plants they have seen.

Year 3 also enjoyed a trip this week to support their learning about the Egyptians, travelling to the Ashmolean museum in Oxford and being brilliant representatives for our school. I'm looking forward to reading about it from their work next week.

Elsewhere Year 2, alongside normal classwork, have been completing their SAT papers approaching them with their typical enthusiasm and showing their great knowledge and skills. Year 6 have also been working hard, continuing to develop, recap and strengthen learning ready for their tests next week. We know they will be amazing!

Kindest regards,
Mrs Willcox, Headteacher

**SPORTS DAY – Thursday 24th May 2018**

During sports day we will be collecting money in support of the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC). There will be charity buckets to collect any donations you would like to make and we will also be selling unclaimed uniform for a donation towards the charity.

**LUNCHBOXES AND SNACKS - REMINDER**

Some of our older children have recently approached me about the food eaten during break times. As a school we encourage healthy eating and a balanced diet and are working with them to review the food on our lunch time salad bar and the toast choices available at morning play.

If you provide a snack (or lunch) for your child please consider both the type of food and the size – some children have recently brought large packets of food which they struggle to eat in the time available to them. NHS guidance when buying packaged snacks is to aim for 2 x 100kcal snacks per day. More information and ideas for healthy snacks can be found at the change 4 life website here: <https://tinyurl.com/breaksnack>

What's happening next week?

- Y6 SATs
- Thursday 17th 3.20-3.45 Open Class - Ladybirds (Y4)
- Friday 18th 3.20-3.45 Open Class - Caterpillars (EYFS)



Head to www.easyfundraising.org.uk to fundraise for Friends of Charfield School now. Already registered? Spread the word to family and friends to let them know just how easy it is!

LOST PROPERTY - REMINDER

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 this term will initially be offered for donation at the sports day with the remainder going to the textile bank. Thank you.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Summer Term clubs will start week commencing 16th 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 FULL	KS2	Miss Chapman	Weds lunchtime	Room 8

Pupil Premium funding for schools - CHANGE

A change to recent legislation means pupil premium is now also payable for children who were previously looked after but we need to know this so we can apply for the funding. If you think your child is eligible please could you let Mrs Willcox know through a confidential letter marked for her attention.

Please note - Pupil premium is an additional grant of money provided to schools by the government with the aim of reducing the educational effects of disadvantage. Its purpose is to help support eligible children through the use of additional support and opportunities that meet their needs.

Pupil premium is payable for children who are eligible for Free School Meals, have been eligible for Free School Meals in the last 6 years and/or are looked after. A smaller amount is also allocated to children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces. If you believe you are eligible under any of these categories please let the school know. Thank you.

INSET DAYS 2018-2019

3rd September 2018
 26th October 2018
 5th November 2018
 7th January 2019
 22nd July 2019
 23rd July 2019

PARKING REMINDER



We have had reports of a minority of parents/carers compromising the safety of our children by parking in the bus stop when dropping off/collecting.

While we understand that parking can be difficult at these times, please park safely and considerately to keep our children safe.

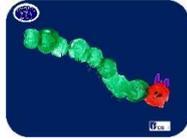
Thank you

MENU CHANGE

Thursday 17th March the menu will be:
 Hot dogs, herb diced potatoes, sweetcorn
 Ice lollies



LEARNING AT CHARFIELD



This term, our topic has been 'In the Garden'. We started our topic by reading Jack and the Beanstalk and we learnt the story off by heart using actions to help us (you can listen to us tell the story on twitter, @CharfieldPri). This story sparked lots of discussion and the children talked about whether they would be brave enough to climb the beanstalk and what they might find up there. We decided it would be a good idea to grow our own beanstalks! The children learnt about what plants need to grow and be healthy and wrote about the similarities and differences between what plants need and what people need.

We planted our beanstalk in good soil, put it on the sunny windowsill and watered it little and often until we noticed a shoot had appeared! The children were very excited and wanted to make a castle for their beanstalk to grow up to. We used a variety of different media to design and make our own castle and then stuck it onto a lolly pop stick to go into the soil. We imagined what could be at the top of our beanstalks and wrote sentences to describe what it would be like - this ranged from a land full of rainbows, sweets and cakes to a scary place full of monsters!

Last week, we went on a school trip to Redwood outdoor learning centre at Slimbridge. We explored the forest looking for signs of spring, went on a bug hunt and searched the pond using a net. Back at school, we learnt facts about the minibeasts we found and we will be writing about them next week.

In maths, we have been learning about time. We investigated how many different things we could do in 30 seconds and practised telling the time to the o'clock. We have also been learning how to recognise and write numbers from 11-20. Next week, we will be learning how to double numbers and will be using our knowledge of this to make milkshakes where we will have to double the ingredients to make enough.

What a fun term we have had so far! The children have worked so hard and we have been really proud of them.



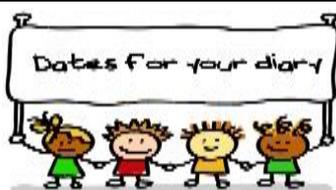
CLASS OF THE WEEK



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

For taking responsibility for their learning and showing amazing pride in their work and their achievements. They are showing that they will soon be ready to move on to Year 2. We are super proud of you all.





DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
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

