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### **May Newsletter- Bank Holidays Ahoy!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now 'back into the swing' of term 5 and already we've had a lot of exciting moments. The sponsored run was a huge success and I've had the pleasure of witnessing each of the 'Wow' starters where we have enjoyed travelling through different time periods in Year 1/2, learning from an Egyptologist in Year 3/4 and seen Year 5/6 attempt to send bottle rockets into orbit! I wanted to get an extra newsletter out to you as we have a very busy few months coming up and I'd like to give you as much notice as possible for 'save the date' events.

#### **Staff News**

Mr Barnard (snr.) has done a brilliant job for us as our 'casual' caretaker whilst we have been advertising and interviewing to find a replacement. I'd like to take this opportunity to publically thank him for all his help and for not telling too many embarrassing childhood stories about me! As I always say...FCCE is a family. True to that spirit, I am pleased to announce our new caretaker will be Mr Hornig. He has a wealth of caretaking experience and is no stranger to our school as he is the man who single-handedly (along with Mrs Hornig) built our outdoor classroom which stands proudly on our field! I'm sure everyone will make him feel very welcomed and we are pleased to have such a skilled person join our staff.

#### **Our Second 'Learn With Me' Sessions on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June (KS1) and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June (KS2) at 9am**

Our next 'Learn with Me' session will be held in the second week of term 6. It will have a maths focus and will allow you to see what the children have been learning this year as well as give you a little idea of what will be expected of them when they move up to their next year group in September. We had an overwhelming level of support for our first one in March and I'm sure this one will be equally well-attended. One piece of feedback which we were given by a couple of parents was how it might work better if we were to run one for Key Stage 1 and another for Key Stage 2 on separate days. Therefore, Year 1 and 2s 'Learn with Me' session will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 9am and Year 3-6 will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 9am.

#### **'Friends' Fundraising Activities In Term 5 and 6**

Our 'Friends' are busy organizing fantastic events for the children to enjoy. Some of the dates to put in your calendars are as follows:

School Discos on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May;

FCCE Summer Fete on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Happy's Circus on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

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The summer fete is an incredibly successful fundraiser which showcases everything that is brilliant about our school community. It is also the first chance many of our 'new' parents get to be a part of our school community so I would really appreciate everyone's support and time when it comes to running stalls and setting up the event.

### **Attendance at FCCE**

Although we have had several bouts of illness throughout the winter months, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 36 children who have yet to miss a learning session this academic year. They are as follows:

Class 1: Thomas, Betsy and Joseph	Class 4: Bea and Jasper	Class 8: Isaac
Class 2: Archie G, Tom, Dylan and Daniel	Class 5: Lucy, Oliver, Scarlett, Eairsidh, Austin, Esther and Lucas	Class 9: Rosie, Lukas, Jack, Ella, Aimee and Ben
Class 3: Poppy, Elsie P and Charlie	Class 7: Phoebe, Louis, Poppy, Lucy, Issy, Eleanor, Cameron and Jessica	Class 10: Katie and Josh

Can I also thank everyone for their continued support. We are very proud of how you trust us to look after your children and if they are ever not feeling '100%' you know we'll give them the best care possible and phone you if they go 'downhill'.

### **School Site Volunteering During May Half Term**

Not surprisingly, lots of parents have offered their time, money and expertise to helping improve our school site over the May half term. School budgets are incredibly tight, especially in South Glos. Compared with the rest of the country and many schools are now having to look at ways of providing much-needed maintenance for a fraction of the normal price. Thank you to everyone who have already offered their time (or got half their workforce to volunteer as part of a charity day!)... your support means so much. The school will be open on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May as well as June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are able to help with painting, gardening, decorating or anything else which would improve our school site then please do not hesitate in contacting me via the school office.

### **Balls on the Playground Before School**

I'm really sorry but I'd just like to take this opportunity to remind pupils that they are not to play with basketballs or footballs (on the playground) before school starts. We've had a few 'close shaves' where small children have narrowly missed being hurt and I'd hate for this to happen.

### **New Reception Children in September 2018**

Although we are only two-thirds of the way through this academic year, we now have the names of the children who will be joining our school community in September. I am very proud to say we were over-subscribed with the number of families putting us down as their first choice exceeding the 45 places we are able to offer. There will be several 'taster' sessions for our new reception pupils in term 6 and I look forward to welcoming many new parents to our school.

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### **Father Malcolm school services**

Father Malcolm has very kindly opened up his school services to parents. He usually holds a school service every fortnight on a Thursday and if you'd like to join the rest of the school community then please feel free to pull up a chair in the hall at 9.05am.

### **Water bottles and sun protection**

With the warmer weather hopefully on its way, please make sure children bring a water bottle to school (filled with water rather than squash as this often becomes sticky). Sun cream should be applied before arriving at school as we are unable to do this in school and please bring a sun hat for outdoors.

### **Peace Garden**

It's that time of year when we are looking to revamp our Peace Garden. If you have any donations of plants or seeds we would love to make use of them.

### **Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May- Class 2 Assembly to parents at 9.10am (note Wednesday and NOT Friday)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May- Father Malcolm school service 9.05am (parents welcome)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May- Current Year 5 Manor Adventure school camp meeting for 2019 trip

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May- Class 7 Assembly to parents (9.10am)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May- Bank Holiday (no school)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May- Year 2 SATs this week

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May- Father Malcolm School service 9.05am (parents welcome)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May- Current Year 6 Manor Adventure School camp meeting for parents (2.45pm and repeated at 5.30pm)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May- Year 6 SATs week (breakfast club for Year 6 run every morning this week)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>-Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May- Year 5 swimming lessons in the afternoons

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May- Class 1 and 2 Parent workshop (Expressive Art and Design) 2.15pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May- Class 8 Egyptian Play (2.30pm)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May- Class 6 Egyptian Play (2.30pm)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May- Mufti day to support Christian Aid week (£1 suggested donation)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May- Class 3 Assembly to parents (9.10am)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May- School Discos

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May- Pentecost Family Fun day at school 3pm (run by St. Peter's church)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May- Year 6 Sex and Relationships Education week (letter to follow)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Year 3 and 4 'Bikeability' training (will need to bring in bikes and helmets)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May- Class 7 Egyptian Play (2.30pm)

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 3 and 4 'Bikeability' training (will need to bring in bikes and helmets)

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May- Class 11 worship to parents (9.05am)

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May- Enrichment Day

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May- Class 1 and 2 can bring in scooters and bikes

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May- INSET day (no school)

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## **Term 6**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June- Term 6 begins  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June- Year 6 Camp to Manor Adventure  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June- Year 1 and 2 'Learn with Me' session for maths (9-10am)  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June- Class 9 Assembly to parents (9.15am)  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June-Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June- Year 1 Phonics Screening  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June- Father Malcolm School Service  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June- Year 3-6 'Learn with Me' Maths session (9-10am)  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June- Doodle Maths Parent information session (10am)  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June- South Glos. Festival of Sport (basketball team and girls football team participating)  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June- Fathering Sunday service at St. Peter's Church (10.30am)  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June- Year 1 and 2 school trip  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup>-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June- Year 4 and 5 Sex and Relationships Education week (letter to follow)  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June- New Reception Parents Meeting (7pm)  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June- Year 6 visit to WIA to listen to an author (pm)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June- Father Malcolm School Service (9.05am)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June- New Reception Taster session (10-10.45am)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June- Musical Instruments Concert (3.30-4:30pm)  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June- Class 4 Assembly to parents (9.15am)  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June- WIA transition days for Year 6s  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June- New Reception Taster session (10-10.45am)  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June- Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Year 5 and 6 am and Year 3 and 4 pm with a family picnic at lunchtime)  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June- Class 5 Worship to parents (9.05am)  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June- Key Stage 1 and Reception Sports day (Year 1 and 2 am and Reception pm with a family picnic at lunchtime)  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June- Summer Fete  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July- family communion Year 6 Leavers Service at St. Peter's Church (10.30am)  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July- Art week  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July- Class 1 and 2 Worship to parents (9.05am)  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 Lifeskills trip (am)  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July- Father Malcolm School Service (9.05am)  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July- School reports published  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July- 'Moving up' day (children to be collected from their new teacher's room)  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July- New Reception Taster session (10-10.45am)  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July- Class 1 and 2 trip to Court Farm  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July- Choir Concert (4.15pm)  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July- Class 10 worship to parents (9.05am)  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July- Key Stage 2 reserve sports day  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July- Full Governors Meeting  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July- Key Stage 1/Reception reserve sports day  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July- Key Stage 1 drama club performance (4.15pm)  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 Play Performance (7pm)  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July- RockSteady Concert (2.30pm)  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 Play Performance (7pm)  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July- New reception taster session (10-10.45am)

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Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July- Key Stage 2 drama club performance (4.15pm)  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July- Father Malcolm School Service (9.05am)  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 and 6 trip to Cattle Country  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 Achievement Award Presentation Evening (6.30pm)  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents (9.15am)  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July- Last day of term

## **Congratulations**

As always, we've had loads of amazing pieces of learning to bring a big smile to our faces. Here is just a snippet:

- Superb fractions and decimals learning by Florrie in Class 9;
- Awesome writing from Alfie and Ella in Class 11;
- Superb narrative writing by Bailey in Class 10;
- Amazing handwriting by Dylan in Class 2;
- Brilliant sentence writing from Cooper in Class 1;
- Quality measures learning by Freddie and Jack in Class 5 and 4;
- Mind-blowing animal Sudoku by Esther in Class 2;
- Beautiful explanation texts by Ben, Raul, Aimee, Jack and Bethan in Class 9;
- Unbelievable creativity from all our Year 5 and 6 pupils (and most of their parents as well!) when creating their bottle rocket launch pads!
- Stunning artwork by Taquesha in Class 9;
- Fabulous problem solving in maths by Ted, Imogen, Logan and Oliver in Class 6 and
- Heart-warming 'FCCE Life Rules' posters created by Sean, Jake, Aimee, Lucian, Leonie and Hollie in Class 9;

Your children continue to surprise and amaze us every day... Keep up the great work!

Thank you for your continued support,

Pete Barnard

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