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June Newsletter- Term 6 is here!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unbelievably, we are now in our final term of this academic year. The time has 'flown by' and we are now looking forward to many of my favourite annual events. Whether it is sports days, new reception induction mornings or the Year 6 production- June and July are always special months in our school calendar. I can't wait to make them as memorable as possible for our pupils and I look forward to sharing them with as many of you as possible.

Staff News

I am delighted to inform you that two of our teachers are finalists in the Bristol Education Awards. Liz Knight has been shortlisted for Bristol's 'Special Educational Needs Teacher of the Year' and Abbie Southall has been shortlisted for 'Primary Teacher of the Year'. Both are fully-deserving of this professional acknowledgement and the awards ceremony will be taking place at the end of June. We wish them both the best of luck and we are very proud to have them as part of our school community.

As you may be aware, Miss Southall will be returning full-time to teaching Class 9 in term 6. May I take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Lakeman for all the care and support she has shown the pupils in Year 5 over the past nine months and I know her efforts have been greatly appreciated by everyone.

It is around this time of year that we begin to look forward to the next academic year. I'm pleased to say there will not be many changes to where teachers will be teaching in September. Currently, class teachers will be as follows:

Class 1- Mrs. Hornig and Mrs. Walker

Class 2- Mrs. Lakeman (maternity cover for Mrs. Hudson) and Mrs. Mustafa (training to be a teacher)

Class 3- Mrs. Gatehouse and Miss Calway

Class 4- Mrs. Barter

Class 5- Miss Pate

Class 6- Miss Whittock

Class 7- Mr. Ridd

Class 8- Ms. Houston

Class 9- Miss Southall

Class 10- Ms. Thomas

Class 11- Mr. Knight

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Our Second 'Learn With Me' Sessions on Thursday 7th June (KS1) and Friday 15th June (KS2) at 9am

Our next 'Learn with Me' session will be held in the first and 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 of 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 7th June at 9am and Year 3-6 will be on Friday 15th June at 9am.

We have also asked a representative from 'DoodleMaths' to attend the second 'Learn with Me' session on Friday 15th June. She will be available to give demonstrations and answer questions. I know many of the children love using the app and it is already having a significant impact on their mental maths skills. Please feel free to attend this workshop at 10am regardless of whether you have a child in Key Stage 2.

'Friends' Fundraising Activities In Term 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:

FCCE Summer Fete on Saturday 30th June

Happy's Circus on Friday 14th September.

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. Having seen how Tash Bisp, Tash's Dad and Toni Slater braved the rainy weather to clear out the Friends garage, I know the setting up of the fete will be a much smoother and easier task now- thank you!

Attendance at FCCE

Having met with our Educational Welfare Officer Vicky Franklin at the end of last term, I am pleased to say we are still 'up' on our attendance from the same period last year. Our pupils have attended 97.1% of possible school days so far compared with 96.8% this time twelve months ago. Interestingly, all year groups (apart from Year 5 and 6) are above the school average of 97.1%.

I have been really pleased with our rising attendance figures as this is one way of evidencing the incredible support you, as parents, show our school. One of my favourite times of the school day is on the playground from 8.40am where I am privileged to see all our happy learners coming in to start their lessons. One of the things that Vicky did pick up on her last meeting was how our 'lateness' figures were rising. Coming from someone who struggles to be on time for anything, I know how hard it can be to get everyone ready in the morning. However, I also know how distressing it can be for children to start the day where they have to enter the classroom after everyone has started their learning. Vicky has offered to run a 'late gate' for us during term 6 to help give support and advice to any parents who are struggling to get their children to school by 8.55am. If you would like to book an appointment or ask for advice from Vicky then please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Addicott in the school office.

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School Site Volunteering During May Half Term- A BIG THANK YOU!!!

I was overwhelmed by the level of support many of our parents provided during our half term break. Amanda Robbins brought six of her colleagues to our school on Wednesday and completed a 'charity' morning by prepping and providing the first two coats of paint to our hall. They were supported by the Foreshews and did a wonderful job of setting up the rest of our half-term painting. On Friday, Dan Coney gave up his time alongside Ian Kelly, Ross Pritchard, Efrain Hernandez, Tash Bisp and Julia Lloyd to get the majority of the painting finished and then on the weekend Dan finished off the job accompanied by Gareth Slater and Efrain (as well as Eleanor and Stephen at various points during half term!). The hall now looks fantastic and I am ever so grateful to everyone who offered their support and assistance (including Karen Richards who sourced the materials and Helen H-L who did a 'shedload' of gardening!) to improve the learning environment for our children.

Toys/Slime etc... not to be brought into school

Just a polite reminder to ensure any toys are kept at home and not brought into school. Not only can they cause unnecessary distractions but we have had a couple of occasions where pupils have become upset once their toys have gone missing.

New Reception Parents' Evening- Tuesday 19th June- Volunteer Pupils Needed

I'm sure you'll all remember visiting our school for the first time and meeting your children's new reception teachers. That time of year is fast approaching for our new reception parents and I would like to ask for a few pupils to volunteer their time to show our new parents around the school. I am proud of every single member of our school and would love to have some children present in order to answer any questions prospective parents might have. As the meeting starts at 7pm and finishes at roughly 8pm I understand it may be too late for many of our pupils but if a few of the older ones wouldn't mind attending I'd be very grateful. Please could you email the school office if you are able to allow your child to attend (in school uniform) on the evening of the 19th.

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.

GDPR Compliance

Due to new data protection laws, there will be several changes to our current practice. We hope this will cause both parents and children as little inconvenience or disruption as possible. With this said, schools are places which hold incredible amounts of personal data and some changes are inevitable. We will endeavour to ensure no one can be identified (without previous consent) from the information presented around our school, in our newsletters or on our school website and if you wish to know more about the actions taken (or need a cure for insomnia!) then please feel free to make contact with our School Business Manager (and Data Protection Officer) Miss Gale.

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Dates for your diary

Term 6

Monday 4th June- Term 6 begins
Monday 4th June- Year 6 Camp to Manor Adventure
Tuesday 5th June – Year 3 and 4 to Badminton Estate
Wednesday 6th June – KS1 ZooLab visit
Thursday 7th June- Year 1 and 2 ‘Learn with Me’ session for maths (9-10am)
Friday 8th June – Class 9 Assembly (9:15am)
Friday 8th June – Year 6 return from Camp to Manor Adventure approx. 4pm
Monday 11th June-Friday 15th June- Year 1 Phonics Screening
Thursday 14th June- Father Malcolm School Service (9:05am)
Friday 15th June- Year 3-6 ‘Learn with Me’ Maths session (9-10am)
Friday 15th June- Doodle Maths Parent information session (10am)
Saturday 16th June- South Glos. Festival of Sport (basketball team and girls football team participating)
Sunday 17th June- Fathering Sunday service at St. Peter’s Church (10.30am)
Monday 18th June- Year 1 and 2 school trip
Monday 18th-Friday 22nd June- Year 4 and 5 Sex and Relationships Education week (letter to follow)
Tuesday 19th June- New Reception Parents Meeting (7pm)
Wednesday 20th June- Year 6 visit to WIA to listen to an author (pm)
Thursday 21st June- Father Malcolm School Service (9.05am)
Thursday 21st June- New Reception Taster session (10-10.45am)
Thursday 21st June- Musical Instruments Concert (3.45pm)
Friday 22nd June- Class 4 Assembly to parents (9.15am)
Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th June- WIA transition days for Year 6s
Tuesday 26th June- New Reception Taster session (10-10.45am)
Wednesday 27th June- Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Year 5 and 6 am and Year 3 and 4 pm with a family picnic at lunchtime)
Wednesday 27th June- Class 5 Worship to parents (9.05am)
Thursday 28th June- Key Stage 1 and Reception Sports day (Year 1 and 2 am and Reception pm with a family picnic at lunchtime)
Saturday 30th June- Summer Fete
Sunday 1st July- family communion Year 6 Leavers Service at St. Peter’s Church (10.30am)
Monday 2nd July- Art week
Wednesday 4th July- Class 1 and 2 Worship to parents (9.05am)
Thursday 5th July- Year 6 Lifeskills trip (am)
Thursday 5th July- Father Malcolm School Service (9.05am)
Friday 6th July- School reports published
Monday 9th July – Clothes Collection
Monday 9th July- ‘Moving up’ day (children to be collected from their new teacher’s room)
Monday 9th July- New Reception Taster session (10-10.45am)
Monday 9th July – KS1 Drama Club performance (4pm)
Tuesday 10th July- Class 1 and 2 trip to Court Farm
Tuesday 10th July – Rocksteady Concert (2:30pm)
Tuesday 10th July- Choir Concert (4.15pm)
Wednesday 11th July- Class 10 worship to parents (9.05am)
Thursday 12th July- Key Stage 2 reserve sports day

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Thursday 12th July- Full Governors Meeting
Friday 13th July- Key Stage 1/Reception reserve sports day
Monday 16th July- Year 6 Play Performance (6:30pm)
Tuesday 17th July- Year 6 Play Performance (6:30pm)
Wednesday 18th July- New reception taster session (10-10.45am)
Wednesday 18th July- Key Stage 2 drama club performance (4.15pm)
Thursday 19th July- Father Malcolm School Service (9.05am)
Thursday 19th July – Year 5 & 6 trip to Cattle Country
Thursday 19th July- Year 6 Achievement Award Presentation Evening (6.30pm)
Friday 20th July- Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents (9.15am)
Friday 20th July- Last day of term

Congratulations

One of the highlights of my day is giving out Head Teacher stickers... here are some of the recipients from term 5:

- Superb writing from Corey, Daniel, Joseph, Cooper and Lewis;
- Outstanding poetry by Sammy and Ruben;
- Incredible art work by Isabella;
- Beautiful handwriting by Dex;
- Awesome calculations work from Alyssa;
- Brilliant 'Ninjago' writing by Archie;
- Wonderful explanation texts created by Ben, Raul, Aimee, Jack and Bethan;
- Cracking creative writing by Florrie;
- Gorgeous artwork by Taquesha;
- Magnificent maths learning from Imogen, Ted, Logan and Oliver;
- Excellent team work from Sean, Jake, Archie, Harrison, Lucien, Aimee, Hollie and Leonie whilst making their 'FCCE Life Rules!' posters;
- Amazing editing by Lucy, Bonnie, Ailsa and Poppy;
- Fantastic science writing by William
- Mind-blowing cursive handwriting from Ella and Daisy

Unfortunately, recent GDPR procedures mean I cannot give more information out on our amazing learners. However, the broad smiles on their faces and the proud reactions of their teachers make them easily recognisable!

Thank you for your continued support,

Pete Barnard

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