



## RECENT EVENTS

### Class Assemblies

Well done to the children in Y2 for their fantastic assembly all about their African Adventures, which included some brilliant storytelling, singing and oral retelling of a poem. All of the children sang and spoke beautifully.

Everyone was wowed by the musical talents of Y4 at their ukulele concert. The children performed a range of songs and tunes from their terms tuition. All of the children have clearly enjoyed learning the ukulele and showed their skills off beautifully. Well done.

### Stay and Read

Many thanks to the parents who recently attended our Stay and Read sessions where teachers modelled reading with children and showed how we extend their understanding of the book through questioning. We do hope that you found it helpful.

### Infant Music Festival

In the week before Easter children in Years 1 and 2 took a journey through time during our annual Infant Music Festival. Children from several other local schools joined with us for singing, games and fun, all with a theme of time travel. A great time was had by all. Thanks to parents for providing such a fantastic array of outfits: from Isambard Kingdom Brunel to aliens!

### Easter Experience at St Nix *by Evie*

'On 5<sup>th</sup> of April this year, Year 5 went to the Easter Experience at St Nicholas' Church. There we learnt much about Easter and what Christians believe about it. When we were there, we joined in many activities about the Last Supper, when Jesus arrived at Jerusalem, the sacrifice and when he rose from the dead. We enjoyed the experience and hopefully Year 4 will enjoy it next year.'

### Y3 Tesco Easter Egg Trail/River Visit

The final week of term was extremely busy for Year 3! Having completed a Farm to Fork Trail at Tesco in Yate earlier in the year, we were invited back to take part in an Easter Trail. After a brisk walk to the store in the beautiful spring sunshine, we were taken "behind the scenes" to find out more about some of our popular Easter traditions.

First we investigated the history of Hot Cross Buns before sampling the separate ingredients that go into those made by Tesco, discovering that Year 3 prefer the taste of raisins to currants and the smell of cinnamon to other spices. It was interesting to compare how the ingredients tasted individually and then when mixed together and baked into Hot Cross Buns.

After this we looked at the tradition of Easter Eggs and enjoyed "taste-testing" Tesco's own chocolate eggs. We then had the opportunity to decorate our own hard boiled eggs with lots of sparkles and glitter before it was time to head back out into the sunshine and back to school.

Later in the week we travelled by coach to Chipping Sodbury to take part in river dipping activities organised by The Bristol and Avon Rivers Trust as part of our topic work on rivers. We had brilliant fun splashing around, using nets to carefully catch and examine some of the creatures that make their home in the river such as midge larvae, leeches and water beetles. We even caught some crayfish! We finished by discussing how to look after our rivers by not dropping litter and taking care with what we flush down the toilet.

## REMINDERS

### PASSPORT TO THE PARK

Don't forget to complete your child's passport every time they read. Children need to read four times a week to get the treat at the end of the summer term.

### FIELD BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Please could we remind parents that children should not be on the field at the beginning or end of the school day. This is in case of accidents and is a Health and Safety issue as children are not supervised. Thank you.

### HAIR

Please remember that school rules ask that children only have small bows and clips to tie back their hair. We have been seeing rather a lot of beautiful but large bows and ribbons recently. It would be very upsetting to see these being ruined if caught on something and, more importantly, hurting the children wearing them.

### YEAR 6 SATS

This week the children in Year 6 are sitting their statutory end of key stage tests. We would just like to say how proud we are of them all – they have worked so hard in preparation, keeping a positive attitude and taking on all challenges given. Good luck! You all deserve to do well.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Many thanks to FOWS for arranging our end of term Easter Egg Hunt. All the children thoroughly enjoyed looking for the eggs and were very happy with their prizes!

### FIDGET SPINNERS CRAZE!

Many of the children have been bringing these spinners into school and rather than helping them focus have caused major distractions in class. We have asked that children do not bring them into school unless they have been told specifically by their teacher that they can. Thank you for helping us with this.

### CRICKET COACHING

This term children in Year 4 and 5 are very fortunate to be receiving cricket coaching from Winterbourne CC. We are very grateful for their time and expertise and the children are really benefitting. Later in the term we are hoping for some basketball and Brazilian football coaching as well. Many thanks also to Mrs Gapper for organising these.

### MID-YEAR REPORTS

Many thanks to all those who responded to our mini questionnaire. The overwhelming feedback was very positive with the vast majority stating that they found the new mid-year report helpful.

### SPORTS DAY – THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Please note that this year Sports Day is on a Thursday. This is because there are more members of staff in school on a Thursday to help with the organisation. If the weather is poor our reserve date is the following week on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### Head Teacher's Awards

EYFS – Leonidas for writing a super story with a beginning, middle and end and Ruby for some wonderful writing using her sounds.

Y1 – Jasmine K for her writing about the Easter Story; Luca for his writing about Under the Sea and Lola for writing a fabulous diary recount.

Y2 – Levi for some marvellous maths.

Y3 – Abigail for being so helpful at the Y3 Stay and Learn.

Y5 – Scarlett, Poppy and Riley for great distinction between fact and fiction in their writing.

Y6 – Joe and Stan for amazing poems based on 'The Piano'

## Diary Dates

W/B 8th May: Year 6 SATs  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May: FOWS Disco  
 W/B 15<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 Bikeability for those who signed up.  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Week of Science starts  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Parent Forum 2.15pm  
 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: EYFS and Year 6 Class Photos  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Year 6 Residential  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June: New EYFS Parents' Meeting  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June: reserve Sports Day  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Father's Day Secrets Room  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Governor Day  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June: FOWS Summer Fair  
 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July: KS2 Production 6.00pm  
 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July: KS2 Production 6.00pm  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Thankyou Service 9.15am  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Open Afternoon 2pm  
 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Leavers Service 2pm  
 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July: last day of the year for children  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: INSET Day (school closed to children)  
 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September: INSET Day (school closed to children)  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September: start of the Autumn Term