



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and children,

DUE TO THE SHEER NUMBER OF EXCITING THINGS GOING ON, I HAVE SEPERATED THE NEWSLETTER INTO 3 SECTIONS FOR NOW:

Section 1) WHAT HAS HAPPENED THIS WEEK Section 2) WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS Section 3) FAWGS NEWS

(I hope this helps you to digest the information, please bear with us at this busy time!)

SECTION 1 - looking back on this week

Year 2 to Langford Lakes

Penguins' class visited the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Langford Lakes on Monday. In the morning, the children learnt about Marvellous Minibeasts and got the opportunity to hunt for minibeasts in three different habitats. In the afternoon, Penguins enjoyed a Perfect Plants workshop where they thought about what plants need to grow, seed dispersal, all about trees and the lifecycle of a bean. Thank you to Mrs Linton and Mr Moody for accompanying us on our trip.

Beginners Please Final Performance

After many months of preparation, the final performances of our Beginners Please shows took place on Tuesday at the Salberg Theatre in The Salisbury Playhouse. Year 4 performed "The Great Kapok Tree"; Year 5 "Jason and the Golden Fleece" and Year 6 "Mary Poppins and Nanny McPhee and the Perplexing Case of Ribbons and 'Chiefs". We have some very convincing actors in school and all the performances were superbly acted out, along with singing and dancing. I hope you all enjoyed seeing your children perform so confidently in such a professional setting. A big thank you to all our parents who have driven the children, many times, to the Playhouse and back and also to my staff, Mrs Veryard, Mr Malmberg, Mrs Gill, Mrs Whaley, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Telfer, Mrs Wood and Mrs Hill for the huge amount of effort they have dedicated to getting the performances to the high standard you saw on Tuesday.

French Day

The whole school fully embraced French Day arriving dressed in blue, white and red. The day started very well with a beautifully decked out Café de Soleil in the hall serving croissant and hot chocolate. The KS1 classes continued the French theme during the day with a visit from Mrs Macklin (Charlie and Harry's grandma) who told stories and sang songs. The day ended with a French show and tell in the hall with each class presenting their work with Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Macklin leading action songs. Thank you to Mrs Wilkinson for organising the day and Mrs Macklin who led the activities in KS1. Also, Mrs Dean, our MFL Governor, Mrs Ford, Mr Paramor and Mr Wilkinson for being French waiters/waitresses. Thank you to Mrs Wilkinson for spearheading the day.

Pimms and Proms Evening

Yesterday we had an evening of music and joy as our musicians and choir performed a Proms for their families. All children who are learning a musical instrument and most of the Choir who took part in Wiltshire Choir of the Year came together to show us their incredible talent. It was an amazing event and I felt extremely proud of all the children who stood up in front of the audience. Our music teachers Mrs Hooper (woodwind), Mr Parks (guitar), Ms Radford (strings), Mrs Ricketts (piano), Mr Sheppard (drums) and Mr Walker (brass) work incredibly hard with the children and that certainly showed. The evening was finished off with “Eye of the Tiger” performed most enthusiastically by Mr Parks, Mr Sheppard, Mrs Tanner, Brett and myself! A big thank you to Mrs Tanner for organising the event and to all our music teachers who supported the children. Also, to FAWGS for providing the delicious Pimms/refreshments!



Awards

Congratulations to Penguins: **JM** on gaining his “75 Home Reads” Certificate and to **EL** on gaining her “250 Home Reads” Certificate. Well done!

Values Garden

Today your child placed their own pebble in the Values Garden, blessed by Rev Beth. The water feature area of the garden is ‘Look, don’t touch’ so please keep young children from playing/moving the pebbles or pushing on the water spouts. They have had to be repaired 3 times already. The rest of the garden **is** look, touch, smell –this is the design of the planting, so enjoy! But do please accompany your child.

Photos on next page...



SECTION 2 - next week and the week after

Xplore St Mary's...

Letters have gone home about our class trips to St Mary's Church beginning on Monday. Please return your slips and if you are able to offer help walking the children there and back, we would be very grateful. The details are:

Monday 10th July: 9-10:15 am Year 1 (please drop off at St Mary's NOT school)
10:45-12 noon Year 4 (returning for lunch)
12:45-2 pm Year 5 (early lunch)

Tuesday 11th July: 9-10:15 am Year R (please drop off at St Mary's NOT school)
10:45-12 noon Year 2 (returning for lunch)
12:45-2 pm Year 3 (early lunch)

Bird Watching and Tennis Clubs AND ALL OTHER CLUBS

Bird Watching and Tennis Clubs are now finished for the term. A big thank you to Hanna and Yvonne Boddy for all their hard work encouraging our young twitchers, also to Miss Armstrong and Mrs Sell (and often another member of the Sell family) for their commitment to Tennis.

All other clubs have one more week left 10th-14th July (no clubs in the last week term unless 'private paid clubs' tell you otherwise (Kids Love Fit, Judo, Kicks and Tricks))

RACE MORNING (A.K.A 'Sports Day' in other schools!)

For those of you who are new to the school since last July; weren't able to attend previous years, or; like me, have awful an memory(!) this is how our race morning works:

8:55 children arrive at school in full PE kit. Trainers are best footwear. Children may wear 'cat team' coloured accessories such as wrist bands, socks, hair bands, minimal face paints to identify their team. A white round neck t-shirt (school logo or not) is required.

9:15 KS2 have long distance races

9:30 KS1/Owls flat races followed by KS2 flat races

9:45 Ks1/Owls/toddlers egg and spoon, sack race and skipping races.

10:15 (ish) KS1 break while KS2 do skipping, 3 legged and bean bag relay.

10:40 (ish) KS2 break prior to KS2 sprint finals

11:30 Parents and pre-school races (while results are totalled)

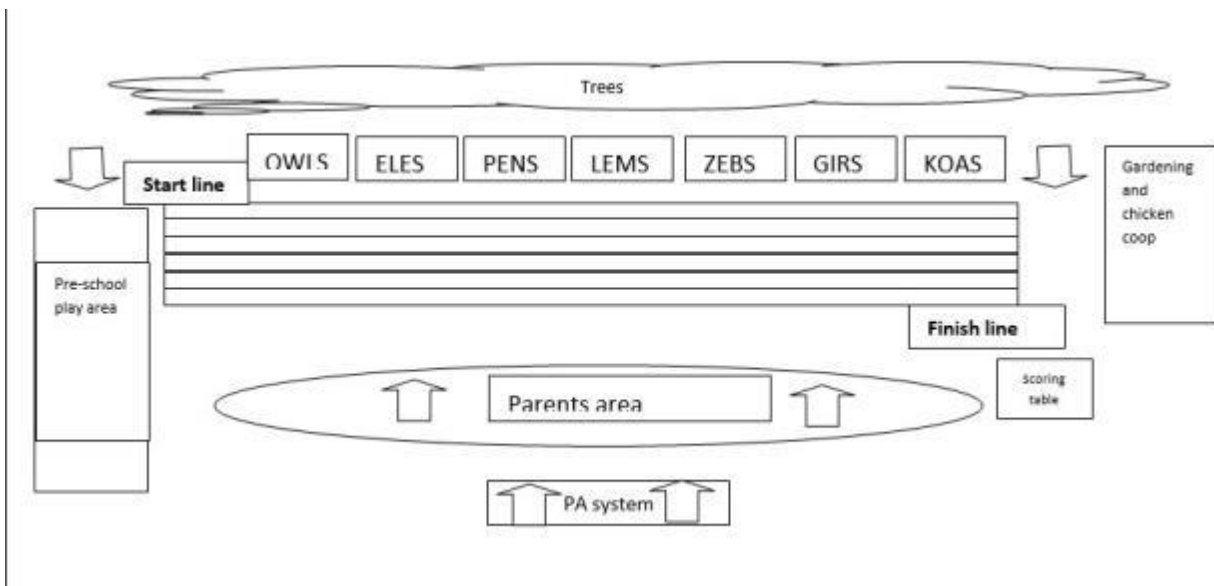
11:45 Trophy presentation and tidy up

12:00 Family picnic on the field (hot lunches can be brought out or parents can eat in hall with their child if they are not picnicing)

All timings are approximate and subject to change on the day. Not all children take part in every event. We try to ensure each child does a similar number of races to all others.

If you are free to help with the set up at 8:30am on Friday 14th, it would be gratefully received.

Please see map on next page for approximate plan/placement of parents' area.



Owls' class worship

Our Owls will be leading Worship on Thursday 13th July 2017 at 9:15 am in the hall on the theme of "Respect and Reverence". All parents, grandparents etc of Owls are welcome to attend. **Changes to**

Breakfast Club provision September 2017

Attached to the Newsletter today are details of changes to Breakfast Club with effect from September 2017. Parents need to sign-up for the provision.

FAWGS News

Thank you all again for supporting the **School Disco**, last Friday. We hope you had as much fun as we did! Thanks are due, as always, to Rachel Hodges and the fab staff and parent helpers who made this event such a success. We are also extremely grateful for all your **kind donations** of soft toys for our Teddy Tombola & our Bottle/ Chocolate Tombola at the **Summer Fete (Saturday 15th July, from 2:30pm onwards)**. (Donations will still be welcomed this week). Further thanks are due to Claire Hall and her team for providing the refreshments; both at Pimms and Proms and the French style Café on Thursday. Phew, it's been a busy week!

FAWGS News cont...

This coming week, we're looking for **helpers to serve refreshments at Race Morning on Friday**. Please **let Claire Hall know (07787 040915)**, if you think you'll be able to lend a hand. Please also keep a look out for our **donation box** in the playground (again)! This time, we're politely requesting that you **drop off any outgrown school uniform**, so that we can re-sell it on our pre-loved uniform stall at the fete. (You see, it'll be worth attending the fete, if only to 're-upholster' your children at a fraction of the usual cost!)

If, by some miracle, you haven't seen our posters, we should let you know that we will be having a vast array of stalls and entertainment at the **Summer Fete** this year; to include: Bouncy Castle, Games, Face Painting, **Traction Engines**, Dance Displays, Ice Creams, BBQ, Beer Tent, Cake Stall, Plant Stall and Grand Raffle. New for this year is our **Great Bake Off!** Are you an accomplished cook, a budding baker or an up-and-coming Mary Berry; simply waiting for the moment to showcase your talents? Well, wait no more! Get your bakes together, **complete your entry form** and bring them to the fete in time for our fabulous competition. **Adults'** Bakes fall into 2 categories: '**Best Sponge Cake**' or '**Showstopper**'. **Children** however have **free reign** to bake their choice of treat. If you're unable to make the fete on Saturday, entries can be brought to school on Friday 14th July, in a container, labelled with your name/ your child's name and class, with entry form and **50p Entry fee** attached. Forms are available [from](#) the school website (see the 'Newsletters' tab) or from the School Office. Entries are also welcome **by 3:00pm** on the day.

We're hoping that the **Choir** will open our entertainment at the **Summer Fete** this year, but we need confirmation that members are able to attend from **2:15pm**. If your child attends choir, please look out for an attendance/ permission slip coming home soon.

Hopefully, you've all managed to **return your raffle tickets** today (**whether sold or unsold**), but don't worry if you've forgotten; simply return them to the office **as soon as you can** with the appropriate payment in an envelope marked with **your child's name and class**. If you'd like to sell/ purchase further tickets, they're available from the office.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 10th July, 7:30pm** at the **Three Crowns** and you are all most welcome. In the meantime, you can always contact us via email: fawgs.committee@gmail.com / leave a message via the office or have a chat with us on the playground. Thanks again for all your support!

Diary Dates – new dates underlined July

Monday 10 th	Xplore St Marys (Y1, Y4, Y5)
Tuesday 11 th	Xplore St Marys (YR, Y2, Y3)
Tuesday 11 th	9:30 am-1:00 pm Year 5 Masterclass at The Trafalgar
Thursday 13 th	9:15 am Owls' Worship
	Y6 retreat to St John's (details to follow)
Friday 14 th	Race Morning and reports home. <u>Y6 leavers party 6pm</u>
Saturday 15 th July	Summer Fete 2:30pm onwards
Monday 17 th	Report feedback 'drop in' for parents (with class teacher) 2:00-4:00pm
Tuesday 18 th	<i>Reserve date for Race Morning</i>
Friday 21 st	Year 6 Leavers Service at school <u>1:30pm</u> LAST DAY OF TERM

Best wishes,

Mr Paul Beveridge
Head Teacher