



Castle Life

It has been great to see the children finally enjoying (a hole free) field this week in the sun (photos below). It's also been KS2 SATS week across the country. We are all immensely proud of our Year 6 pupils (and the Year 6 team). They're a terrific group, and they have really shown their positive attitude all week. Now Year 6 will shift their focus towards their exciting production, and secondary school transition.

The promise of additional playtime for punctuality has had a positive effect. We know the majority are overwhelmingly on time every day. However, this 'push' was about reducing distractions - as several rooms across the school were being used for tests. Same again next week...

Road Safety

There was a serious traffic accident recently on Cedar Drive – fortunately, no one was injured but much damage occurred. Miss Bartlett parent of Luca and Lylah had petitioned the council for road safety improvement in the area which will also benefit the school. She has already had a positive response and we (and we hope the whole school community) can support this push to increase safety for pupils and the local community.

Parent Forum – 22 May

I hope to see some of you next Wednesday – key topics will be the budget and class structure for September (but not which teachers are where!) and an update on the academy conversion.

Bikes & Scooters

Please ensure scooters are named (many children have similar or the same models) and that these and bikes are secured. These are left at families own risk.

School Nursing Service

Last week our School Nursing Team delivered a Dental Hygiene workshop to Year 1 and an assembly to the whole school. The school nurses have asked us to pass on the following link for anyone who has not managed to register with a dentist. This link should help you to find one (just paste into your search bar).

www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/Dentists/LocationSearch/3

They have also asked us to pass on that the school nurses are able to offer brief interventions and support for any children and families for children's weight management. Their aim is to offer "support and empower people to make change; helping raise an individual's awareness of their risk factors, while contributing to their motivation to take action." If you would like more information then we can pass your details on to Fiona McGlynn, our School Nurse or you can call the School Nurses office direct on 01225 831666.

Dog Blog

We're not very keen on this hot weather, but we do like a visit to the school field when the grass has been cut! On Tuesday and Wednesday this week we had a fantastic time rolling in the grass. We came in looking like strange swamp creatures; we had grass all over us! We have enjoyed dog walks with Kaiden and Riley (Yarmouth), Max and Jimmy (Edinburgh), and Troy (Dover), as well as visits from Amy-Lee (Blaise), Tianna, Alesha and Ethan (Dover). Also, Tye (Donaldson) popped in to show us his fantastic writing! We are looking forward to the children being out on the field during the rest of this term, although we might not join in with the football matches due to our inability to retrieve a ball. Have a lovely weekend and see you next week!
Bobbi and Benji



Community

South Gloucestershire College are providing some free Maths courses for parents, grandparents and carers. Please see the accompanying flyer for more details and information on how to book places.

Stefan from the **Temple Street Café Canteen** is offering a Free Childs lunch (all day) on Tuesday 28 May 2019. Parents just need to ask for a free kids meal at the counter, no questions asked, no other purchase necessary. Thanks to a generous donation from Keynsham Lions they are also able to offer free meals to parents or guardians too if requested.

Year 3 Egyptology Workshop

On Thursday, Year 3 were lucky enough to have an Egyptology Workshop led by Ali Ball. The day started with our first session based around hieroglyphics. As part of the session, we learnt how to write in hieroglyphics, speak Egyptian and heard stories about Egyptian Gods. We put this knowledge to the test, creating independent cartouche bookmarks. We wowed Ali with our knowledge of the Rosetta Stone! After this, we had our second session based on Egyptian numeracy. We learnt how to count with Egyptian numbers – all the way up to infinity! Impressive right?! In the afternoon, for session three we learnt all about the process of mummification. Our two volunteers, Nicole and Lucius, helped to prepare our pharaoh by removing all of the vital organs and preserving them! To end the day, we created our own clay scarab beetles and were able to see and learn about real life artefacts with Ali. A big thank you to Ali for coming to visit us and teach us all out Egyptian civilisation! We can't wait to take our scarab beetles and bookmarks home.



Volunteers – Your Child's School Needs You!

We are seeking suitable volunteers who are available to support activities - no regular commitment (although that would be a bonus) but just be able to help us when needed (regular off site activities like swimming; Forest Schools or at school like reading or helping with the library). We will offer some basic safeguarding, health and safety training and understanding of school policies and procedures. We will ensure you receive a DBS check and a warm welcome, our gratitude and even the odd cup of tea! Please contact the office if you are interested.

Summer Photos & Shorts



You know the summer is here when children rock up in shorts and summer dresses. Can parents please ensure children have PE shorts in school and apply sun cream when the weather requires it. Thank you

School Fayre

Our PTA, the Friends of Castle, is busy preparing for the school fayre on Friday 21 June. Please see the attached letter giving more details and also requesting offers of help. A paper copy will come home with children on Monday.

Birthday Books

Thanks to Sophie (Dover) for celebrating her 10th birthday by donating 'Goth Girl and the Fete Worse Than Death' by Chris Riddell, and to Caiden (Edinburgh) for celebrating his 8th birthday by donating 'Head Kid' by David Baddiel.

Mrs Adams celebrated her birthday and kindly donated four Buster Books – 'My Brilliant Body', 'I Wish I Knew That', 'Where on Earth' and 'Draw Everything in 5 Simple Steps'. Mrs Richards celebrated by donating 'The Detective Dog' by Julia Donaldson. Thank you to all of you.

Celebrating Achievements

Well done to Alex (Yarmouth) who was Baskervilles Freestyler of the Day and to Keisha (Dover) for achieving her 25 metres swim certificate.

Pupils of the Week

The pupils impressing us this week are - Isla (Kendal), Chanel (Rosen), Layla (Carle), Callum (Donaldson), Connor (Monmouth), Nathan (Blaise), Teddy (Yarmouth), Ollie (Edinburgh), Roose (Windsor), Maddie (Dover) and The Whole Class (Arundel).

House Winners

Isabella and Aaron took the House Cup on behalf of this week's winning team, Blue House. Well done you Blues!

It's a hat trick for Arundel with 99.3% attendance this week – meaning they take the OTIS award for the best KS2 attendance three weeks in a row - a great end to your week Arundel! It's a repeat performance for Blaise; who take the KS1 OTIS the Owl Award with 98.7%.

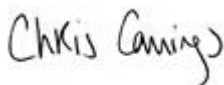
Teacher Changes

Date	Class	Replacement Teacher
Monday 20 May 2019	Carle	Lucy Nicholls
Tuesday 21 May 2019	Dover	Emma Haines
Friday 24 May 2019	Arundel	Emma Haines

Dates

Day	Date	Time	Event	Year Groups
All Week	20 to 24 May	Mornings	Y2 Quizzes (KS1 Assessments)	Y2
Wednesday	22 May	2.40-3.00 pm	Donaldson Class Assembly – Parents and grandparents welcome	Y1
Wednesday	22 May	8.50am & 7pm	Parent Forum	All Parents
Friday	24 May		TERM 5 ENDS	All
Monday	3 June		TERM 6 STARTS	All
Tuesday	4 June		Educational Visit	Y5
Tuesday	11 June		Educational Visit	YR and Y1
Wednesday	19 June	2.45 pm	Monmouth and Blaise Assembly	Y2
Friday	21 June	3.15-5.30 pm	School Fayre	
Wednesday	26 June		Sports Day (Reserve dates 27 June-2 July)	All

Yours sincerely



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