

Newsletter #33

Friday 7 June 2019

Dear Parents



Castle Life

Welcome back to the final term of the year. This week has already been really busy with Dover Class going out on their school trip to 'We the Curious', in Bristol, our choir is up and running again ready for a performance at the end of the year and Year 6 are busy practising for their end of year show.

We have some exciting news to share with everyone (but you may have already guessed), Miss Silman and her partner are expecting their first baby in the Autumn. Congratulations to them!

Dover Class



On arrival at 'We the Curious' we went to a Space Workshop called Destination Space, where we learnt lots about space and being an astronaut. Once we had finished that we had an hour to explore. There were many attractions, such as a water pump, magnetic parachutes and a smoke

tornado. Then we had lunch in the food hall. Finally, we went to the Planetarium and watched a 3D experience called 'We are Aliens' that was all about the possibilities of alien life. We had a great day!



Safeguarding - Returning to School during the Day

If your child has been absent during the school day for a medical appointment or returning/leaving school for another reason, please can you ensure they are collected by 12 noon and returned at 1.00 pm (not during the lunchtime period unless previously arranged via the office). Thank you.

Governor Learning Walks

Next week we are welcoming our Governors into school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They are going to be visiting all the classes across the three days and seeing the children hard at work with their learning. We know that, as always, the children will show them how much they value their school.

School Summer Fayre – Friday 21 June

The Friends of school are extremely busy in the run up to the Summer Fayre which is due to take place on Friday 21 June from 3.15-5.30 pm. Mrs Blackman has had a meeting with them this week to make final preparations. Sadly they still only have 10 volunteers to help at this event so would really welcome any further offers of help, even a half hour slot would be most welcome. We desperately need to know in advance so that can organise stalls.

Unfortunately if we aren't able to get any more help then some stalls will need to be cancelled and this means that the children miss out. All the teachers, staff and children will be running their own stalls so please come along to support us. All money raised is to going towards a new library for the school so every penny helps.

Cake competition – As part of the fund raising for the summer fayre, we are holding our annual cake competition. The theme is 'books' as this is what the money raised will be spent on so get planning! Winners will all receive a book token as a prize. There will be two categories; an adult entry and a child's entry. Entry forms will be sent out next week so make sure you get your recipe books out – no-one likes a soggy bottom!

On the Friday of the fayre (21 June), children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character as part of a competition. Prizes will be given for the most effective outfit.

If any child doesn't want to dress up but would like to come to school in non-school uniform they can. A donation of 50p will be charged for the privilege – all monies will be added to the summer fayre total.

Books

We are hoping to be in a position in the near future to purchase some new books to support reading. On Wednesday 19 June Mrs Wake and Miss Scrine will be conducting an audit of our current reading scheme books across reception and key stage one. For a few days during this week (week beginning Monday 17 June) we will have to take in all the reading scheme books in so there will be no reading books available during these few days. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Dog Blog

Well, we're very pleased we've had a holiday before this week – it's been so busy we've hardly had time to sleep! On Tuesday this week, we had a lovely visit from Seona, Chloe and Lucia (Monmouth) and a walk on the field with Pippa and Betty (Donaldson) – they both giggled a lot!

On Wednesday, Troy (Dover) came for a visit. He was a very well trained human; we gave him a high five and he knew that that meant he had to give us a treat! At lunchtime, Liam and Spencer (Arundel) took us for a walk and, as always, we gave them a 'rolling in the grass' display. They were very impressed.

We had a very busy afternoon that day, too. After lunch, we went to visit the children and staff at Endeavour at Broadlands Academy. They were very excited to see us and asked lots of questions, like what breed we are (Malshi) and how old we are (5). We came straight back to Castle to have our photos taken by the school photographer. Neither of us had had our hair brushed, but we hope no one will notice... thank goodness for photoshop.

And as if we hadn't had enough excitement, Tye (Donaldson) and Ethan (Dover) took us for a quick walk in the sunshine before the end of school.

Thursday was equally eventful with lots of lovely visits. Oliver and Thomas (Edinburgh), Kasey (Monmouth), Kaysee (Rosen), and Tye (Donaldson) all came in to show us their learning; Mercy and Hope (Windsor), Ada (Blaise), and Tianna and Marvel (Dover) popped in to give us a quick cuddle, and at lunchtime, Emily and Olivia (Dover) took us for a walk and Jacob and Ruairi (Donaldson) and Harrison (Edinburgh) came to show us their amazing building skills with a large box of megablocks. How we wished we had opposable thumbs so we could join in...

See you all next week!



Benji and Bobbi

Community Links

St Johns Church will be holding a holiday club from Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August from 10.00 am until 12.30 pm for children aged 5 to 11 years. If you would like more information, or are interested in attending do please pop into the office for a registration/consent form and return and complete by Friday 5 July.

Marksbury School Scarecrow Trail - Up and coming scarecrow trail details as attached flyer.

Student House and Team Restructuring

As informed in the last newsletter, we are renaming our houses with Castle names, to retain our sense of being 'Castle'. The new houses will now be called Teams:

Red is Team **Caldicot**, **Yellow** is Team **Chepstow**, **Green** is Team **Farleigh** and **Blue** is Team **Warwick**.

Over the years, the numbers have gone up and down in each house group, due to leavers, new starters and siblings. We have had to review the number of children in each team to make sure that there is an even number in each and also that siblings are in the same colour team.

Each child will receive a slip on Monday giving them their new team name and colour. We would like all the children to wear a coloured PE top to match their team and if they can have these for sports day on 26 June then that will be brilliant. You can buy a plain one from any store of your choice or from our new uniform supplier (details below).

Uniform

After many years of K.I.T.Co providing a fantastic service to us, we have now changed our school uniform supplier. To make it as easy as possible for parents, we have chosen another local business; Harvem. They are located on Bath Hill, just down from Keynsham High Street along from Sainsburys and opposite the gym. Harvem will be stocking our uniform from Wednesday 19 June, including logo'd PE tops in the above team colours. Pop in and see Clinton in Harvem, who will be happy to help you.

Health Reminders

As you are probably aware, we are in an area where ticks carry Lyme's Disease. Ticks can be picked up in parks, gardens, sports pitches and allotments, not just woodlands. They can be carried by both pets (dogs, cats, rabbits, etc) and wild animals (foxes, badgers, deer, etc). Prompt tick removal and early treatment is essential. Please do seek medical attention if you or your child(ren) have or suspect a tick.

We are hoping the weather is warming up now, so please remember to slop on that suncream and slip on a hat once the sun does start putting in an appearance. If all children can please remember their waterbottles so they can access water throughout the day.

If your child has been prescribed an inhaler that we already have the paperwork for, please can they make sure they keep a named one, with their spacer in their PE bag or drawer. (Please check now and then that they are still in date and not empty). The appropriate consent forms are available from the office if your child has been newly prescribed an inhaler. If your child is in KS1 or younger, please speak to the office rather than putting in your child's PE bag/drawer. Thank you.

Thanks

We would like to thank Madison's (Dover) Dad for the kind donation of musical instruments and the world globe. They have already been put to good use.

Birthday Books

Toby (Edinburgh) celebrated his 8th birthday this week and kindly donated 'Roy of the Rovers Scouted' by Tom Palmer. Mrs Wake also generously donated 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf and 'The Dinosaurs Diary' by Julia Donaldson. Thank you both.

Celebrating Achievements

Well done to Maisie (Edinburgh) who was Gymnast of the Day, Florence achieved an award for her badge test in Gymnastics, Maisie (Edinburgh) earned herself an award for amazing effort at football and Emily (Dover) made her Brownie Guide Promise this week earning her first badge for her sash. Betty (Donaldson) earned a certificate and badge for taking part in Dance for the Royal Academy of Dance. Emily (Monmouth) achieved two certificates for swimming 10metres and completing stage 3 in swimming.

House Winners

Yellow Team is the house winner once again this week. Well done to House Captains, Josh and Georgia and to their fellow team mates.

This week's KS1 attendance winner of the OTIS the Owl award is Monmouth with 98.5% and for KS2 it is Windsor with 97.9%.

Teacher Changes

Date	Class	Replacement Teacher
Monday 10 June (am)	Monmouth	Mrs Haines
Wednesday 12 June (pm)	Monmouth	Mrs Nicholls
Friday 14 June (am)	Monmouth	Mrs Haines

Dates

Day	Date	Time	Event	Year Groups
Tuesday	11 June		Educational Visit to WsM	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
Thursday	4 July	All Day	Year 6 Induction Days for Wellsway, Broadlands and Chew Valley	Year 6
Friday	5 July	1.15-3.15 pm	Swimming Gala	Y5 and Y6
Wednesday	10 July	6.00 pm	Year 6 End of Year Production	Y6
Wednesday-Friday	17-19 July		Class Moving Up Days	All
Wednesday	17 July	TBC	Parent Open Classroom Event	All
Monday-Tuesday	22-23 July		Pupils stay in new classrooms, but with their current teachers	All
Tuesday	23 July	9.00 am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	All
Tuesday	23 July	3.15 pm	End of Term 6 and End of 2018/2019 Academic Year	All

Yours sincerely

Nicky Wake

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