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DATES COMING UP

JULY

- Tue 9th Dance Competition
- Tue 9/Wed 10 Y6 Performance
- Fri 12 Ukulele performance Y4
- Sat 13th Leavers' Disco
- Tue 16th School Picnic
- 2PM Y6 Leavers' Service
- Tue/Wed/Thur 16-18 Transition mornings
- Thur 18th Carnival Afternoon
- Mon 22nd Y6 to Cattle Country
- Tue 23rd End of Term

Farewell to Mrs Needham

Today is Mrs Needham's last day as Children's Minister at St Michael's Church. Karen Needham has done an amazing job over many years linking the school and the Church, and we thank her for all her work and support for the school.

We welcome the new children's Minister, Emma Stafford, and look forward to working with her in the future.

Dear Parents,

It's been a super few weeks at school in Term 6 (two and a bit to go!) with some glorious weather and lots of enriching events and activities taking place – and quite a few still to come. There has been a wide variety of sporting events (see next page), including, of course, our sports day this week. We hope you liked the new format, with much less waiting around for children or parents.

Y6 Transition Our Y6 children have almost all had one or two transition days in their new school, and these have all gone really well. In addition we are undertaking a transition writing project based on a book called 'Rabbits'. This means their work will go forward to their new school with the children, and means the secondary school has a much better idea of the children's capabilities.

Coming up...

The end of the school year is now in sight, but we have so much still to pack into the last couple of weeks. Next week sees our dance competition for Y5 and Y6 (Tuesday), Y2 visit the zoo, and in the final week we are holding a **Carnival Theme Afternoon** on Thursday 18th: please can children wear something colourful that day (non-uniform) and bring in a contribution for one of the school charities (see letter next week).

Our **Year 6 performances** are next week, and these are always a treat for us all, and a chance to celebrate the many talents of the children. We also look forward to their leavers' service in the Church Centre in the final week of term (Tuesday 16th). There will be a slightly different format to this: we will hand out their Yearbooks, and there will be more focus on the children performing than in previous years.

The **school picnic** also takes place on that day, and we look forward to seeing many of you that lunchtime. This is always a lovely community event.

Reports: Staffing & Classes next year

Your child will be told today their class and teacher for next year. See next page for further details. We will be holding a number of transition days the week after next to help children get used to their new teacher (and their new class mix where this has happened). We are aiming for **reports** to come out next Friday (12th). There will be informal opportunities to follow these up the following week. Please see the letter accompanying the reports for more details.

Looking forward to a great end to a busy and very enjoyable year!

Mark Freeman, Headteacher

PTFA News

The recent summer fair was one of the best ever in terms of people attending and money raised: over £5400 in total.

Thanks so much to the PTFA team led by Maya who did such a fantastic job, and to everyone who helped on the day, and in the run-up to the event. The next spending projects will be to replace some of the old shelters and equipment in the KS1 playground, and to improve the play area there.

Mr Downing in action at the Summer Fair!



Lost Property

There will be a final lost property event near the end of term. If you have items that you would like to donate to the school for re-use, please drop them in at the office.

Sports News

Well done to all of the children in Year 1 who took part in the football festival at the Jubilee Centre earlier this month. They had a great time, played excellent football, and came away with a lovely trophy.

The following weekend we had five teams taking part in the South Glos Festival of Sport, including tag rugby, multisports and football. We came second in two of the events: Y3/4 football and tag rugby. Well done again to all participants.

Swimming

Well done to everyone who took part in the recent swimming gala, coming a very creditable 5th – and giving lots of children the opportunity to swim for the school.

Staff News and Class changes next year

There will be a few staff changes in September. Mrs Cartwright (Y3) and Mrs Edge (TA, Y1) will be both retiring in the summer, and Miss Watts (Y4). Mrs Wood (TA, Y6) and Mrs Richardson (TA KS2) are also leaving. We thank all those staff members for all their excellent work over a collectively very large number of years, and wish them all the best for the future. Several staff are also returning from maternity leave, and in September there will be a number of changes to existing jobshares. Several teachers are also changing year group, and we will also have 4 classes in Y5 and Y6. The ICT Room in the main building will become 6.4, and there will be a new art room in the Annexe building (currently 4.2). Please see page three for the full list of staff next year.

Three year groups: Y1, Y2, and Y3 are being mixed up this year. We do not do this lightly, but in all these year groups we need to address some imbalances between the classes to make sure that all classes have a similar mix of children. Please do NOT ask for any changes: it has taken a long time to sort them out. Ultimately, friendships are taken into account, but they are not the most significant factor. We need to ensure

New Caretaker

We welcome Mr Dean Beresford as the new school caretaker, replacing Mr Barrett. Mr Beresford should be starting here before the summer holidays.

Summer Library Challenge

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

spacechase.org.uk

Our local library have been telling children how they can take part in **Space Chase**, the Summer Reading Challenge 2019.



The children will tell you all about it! All they have to do is read SIX Library books and visit the library regularly over the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives along the way.

Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up so you can see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading.

FREE awesome activities: Fizz Pop Science, space & alien crafts and Lego Mindstorm Mars Rover Challenge with Aerospace Bristol.

Find out more www.southglos.gov.uk/childrenslibrary



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Staffing 2019-20 & Class Changes

Teachers and Teaching Assistants (not including SEN TAs and Reading Assistants)

	.1	.2	.3	TA Support	TA support
R	Miss Gibbons (+ Mrs Gould/ Ms S Tanner)	Mrs Herbert (+ Mrs Frost)	Miss Gaman (+ Mrs Emery)		
Y1	Miss Thorne	Mrs Locke/ Mrs Lynch	Miss Buxton	Ms S Tanner Mrs McCarthy Mrs Hallett	Mrs Pollington Mrs Baguley
Y2	Mrs Barclay	Miss Newman	Mr Love	Mrs Cameron Mrs Porteous	Mrs Riley Mrs C Tanner
Y3	Miss Port-Louis/ Miss Bradley	Mr Ryan	Miss Gundy		Mrs Morgan
Y4	Miss Cox	Mrs Leonard/ Mrs West	Mr Dawson	.4	Mrs Clifford
Y5	Mrs Stephens/ Mrs Roach	Miss Sumner (new)	Miss Leese	Mr Byrne	Mrs Baker
Y6	Mr Keating	Mr Downing	Ms Keen/ Mrs Carter	Miss Walker	Mrs McCann

Teacher support

Mrs Derrick (2 days): Key Stage 1 mainly PPA cover

Mrs Davis (2 days): Y3/Y4

Mrs Hughes (2.5 days): Y5/Y6

Mrs Murray (Music) & Mrs Fraser (Art) will both be providing KS2 PPA cover

In Y3, Miss Port-Louis will be teaching for 4 days, with Miss Bradley teaching the class on Fridays. Miss Bradley will be spending more time in her Assistant Head role next year

Leadership Team

Headteacher: Mr Freeman

Deputy Head: Mrs Abbott

Assistant Head KS2: Mrs Stephens

Assistant Head KS1 and Y3: Miss Bradley

EYFS: Mrs Herbert

SENCo: Miss Carr

School Business Manager: Mrs Perham

Class Changes

Was	Will be	Was	Will be	Was	Will be	Was	Will be
Class 1	1.3	Class 2	1.1	Class 3	1.2		
1.1	2.1	1.2	2.3	1.3	2.2		
Y2, Y3, Y4 all being mixed: children/parents will be individually informed							
5.1	6.2	5.2	6.1	5.3	6.3	5.4	6.4