

Headteacher: Mrs L Slocombe

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I've been so proud of the pupils across the school over the last 2 weeks who have demonstrated many of our Secrets of Success – Work hard; Try new things; Don't give up; Concentrate; Push yourself and Improve, as they have worked through the KS1 and KS2 National assessments or the Year group assessments. The teaching staff have worked hard all year to prepare them for these tests and I was proud of the team spirit that was modelled, with staff giving up their support staff, rearranging break times and doing everything they could to give the pupils the greatest opportunities possible. Thank you to the support staff who organised and prepared the KS2 Breakfasts that took place last week – the pupils enjoyed the opportunity to sit and relax with their friends, enjoying pastries and bacon or veggie sausage sandwiches before the tests.

### Ofsted visit



Thank you to all our staff, parents and pupils who contributed to the recent questionnaires that I sent out on behalf of the Ofsted Inspection team. They and I valued your feedback. The atmosphere across the school was electric and staff spent many hours before and after school preparing and organising lessons and resources to showcase Radstock in the best possible way.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for all their hard work! I hope the final version will be available to send out to you soon after the half term holiday and will keep you informed. As mentioned below, we will be discussing at the next Parent Forum on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.**

### Staffing News

Goodbye & good luck



This week, we have unfortunately said goodbye to Mrs Dykes who works in Year 1 and has decided to work in another profession. Mrs Dykes has been a member of the support staff for a number of years, as well as helping Mrs Sutton with running sports fixtures both at Radstock and other schools, as well as having a leading role in Friends of Radstock. I am sure you will join us in thanking her for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

### Mr Blethyn's 74 mile walk from Radstock



Mr Blethyn, our Site Controller, is going to walk 74 miles from Radstock in Somerset, home of the "Radstock Dragonfly fossil", to Radstock Primary School over the bank holiday weekend in order to raise funds for the school and to buy a Defibrillator to be placed outside the community centre. I am sure you will join me in wishing him well on his journey. He has researched information about the dragonfly fossil and you can find this, plus information about how he is doing on his journey on Mr Blethyn's blog: <https://medium.com/@BeyondFirstAid/walk-to-school-17f2f0f9ece7>

If you would like to sponsor him, please follow the link to his JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/radstockensis>

I will let you know how he got on and how much money he raised after the half-term.

## House Football Competition



We had glorious Summer conditions for the House Football competition last week. A lot of fun was had by all, in the sunshine, with the Radstock values and Secrets of Success being displayed throughout. A huge thank you goes to the umpires of the tournament, as well as

Mrs Sutton who kindly gave up her free time to come in on her days off to organise the events. The results are below:

**SIMMONDS: 4<sup>th</sup> place**

**FARAH: 3<sup>rd</sup> place**

**WEIR: 2<sup>nd</sup> place**

**ENNIS: 1<sup>st</sup> place**

## The School Library



Governors and Senior Leaders have recently been considering how to maximise learning opportunities for small group work across the school and have reviewed the use of the school library. Whilst it is a beautiful room, it is often empty, particularly during the morning's English and Maths lessons, so I, along with Mr Blethyn, have been looking at ways to use the library as a group room, whilst continuing to allow it to be a library in the afternoons. I believe we have found a way for it to be both and appreciate that whilst the changes may mean that it will lose some of the non-fiction resources (which will be placed in classrooms), we will be able to target additional learning opportunities to support and extend some of the pupils in Upper Key Stage 2 over the next few years.

## Continuing Summer Weather



I am hoping that the lovely weather we had earlier this week will continue when we return from half term, so please can I remind you that children need hats and water when the weather is so warm. Please also ensure that your children have suntan lotion put on them before they come to school.

## Reception School Uniform

From September 2018, pupils in **Foundation 2, or Reception**, will be able to wear Radstock Primary School polo shirts to school, rather than shirts. These will soon be available on the school's uniform stockist's website, as well as available through the school office. They will also be available for pupils in Foundation 1, or Nursery, who wish to wear a uniform. **All other pupils from Year 1 to Year 6** should wear a shirt.

## Parent Forum



We will be holding our fourth Parent Forum on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm** where we will be discussing the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. Mrs Giles, Mr Charlton-Perez (Chair of Governors) and I will be talking about the strengths highlighted and the areas for improvement. Minutes of the meeting and the accompanying presentation will be sent out and will be available on the website. Whilst I hope our parent representatives will be able to attend, I would also like to invite any other parents who are interested in finding out our next steps to come to the meeting.

## Attendance



Geraldine, our school Giraffe, is awarded to the class with the highest attendance each week. We aim for **100%** attendance; there is a clear link between strong attendance, high achievement and helping a child's well-being. Here at Radstock, we want all of our pupils to achieve their full potential, which means they need to be in school! Well done to the following classes, who achieved 100% attendance or close to it:

Date	Class	Attendance
04.5.18	5PT	99.4%
11.5.18	5LH & 2AM	100%
19.5.18	6GL & 1SE	100%

**Don't forget:** Term starts for pupils on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018!

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term holiday,

**Best wishes,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lou Slocombe', with a long, wavy horizontal line extending to the right.

**Lou Slocombe**  
**Headteacher**

**Diary Dates 2017 – 2018**

Week	Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
<b>SPRING TERM</b>					
7	Monday	04.06.18	INSET DAY		
	Wednesday	06.06.18	4JS Town Trail FOR Meeting		
8	Monday	11.06.18	Phonics Screening Check week Y2 Walk to Maiden Erlegh Lake House Chess Tournament		
	Wednesday	13.06.18	4DB Town Trail		
	Friday	15.06.18	Y6 visit to Legoland		
9	Monday	18.06.18	Class Photographs		
	Thursday	21.06.18	Music Concert to parents F2 New Starters Parents Evening	Pm	
	Friday	22.06.18	Y5 visit to Kew Gardens		
10	Wednesday	27.06.18	Wokingham Y6 Secondary Schools Transition Day		
	Thursday	28.06.18	District Sports Day		
11	Monday	02.07.18	Y6 Transition event		
	Wednesday	04.07.18	Y6 French Café Y2 visit to Trinity Church	Am	Hall
	Thursday	05.07.18	Y6 French Café FS and KS1 Sports Days	Am Pm	Hall
	Friday	06.07.18	KS2 Sports Days	Am/Pm	Hall
	Saturday	07.07.18	FOR Summer Fayre	11am	
12	Monday	09.07.18	Transition 1: New F1/F2 to visit	Am	
	Thursday	12.07.18	Y3 visit to Chedworth		
13	Monday	16.07.18	Transition 2: F1, F2 and Y1		
	Wednesday	18.07.18	UKS2 Performance to parents	7pm	Hall
	Thursday	19.07.18	UKS2 Performance to parents	7pm	Hall
	Friday	20.7.18	Y6 Leavers Disco	6pm	
14	Monday	23.07.18	Transition 3: All		Hall
	Tuesday	24.07.18	Last Day Y6 Leavers Assembly	9am 2.30pm	Hall Hall