

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6. I hope you have all had an enjoyable break. I certainly enjoyed seeing all the children in assembly on Monday morning ready to get started on their new learning for Term 6. Curriculum letters will be coming home soon so you can see what the children will be learning and how you can best support them.

Trips and experiences

It has been good to get out in the lovely weather recently and there's more fun to come! Year 1 and 2 had a great trip out to Cardiff Castle in last week of term 5. It was a beautiful sunny day and the children had great fun meeting a knight and learning all about the history of castles.



Reception had some special visitors in Term 5 – the children performed drama and retold stories with Debutots. The children also released butterflies into the school grounds as part of their learning about life cycles last term. This term Years 3 and 4 are going to be visiting Cheddar Gorge and the Caves as part of their topic learning about the Stoneage. Year 5 are taking part in a whole day of First Aid training as part of their 'Medicines Through The Ages' topic. Year 6 will be working with a group of artists to create a piece of mosaic art work for our outdoor space later this term. They are also having a well-deserved treat and travelling to Weston Super Mare for the day. Thanks to The Friends of Fishponds School who have donated money to make these trips and experiences possible. We look forward to hearing and seeing all of our children's adventures on the school's Twitter Feed

Ofsted Drop In June 12th @ The Old Library 3.30 pm – 5pm.

As promised in the letter sent out with the Ofsted Inspection Report, we will be holding an informal drop in session for parents / carers. Myself, Trish Dodds (Chair of Local Board) and Jez Piper (Senior Education Officer for DBAT Academy Trust) will be available to speak on an individual basis. Drop in anytime between 3.30pm and 5pm for a cup of tea / coffee and an opportunity to talk through any concerns or ask any questions you may have. Thanks for your ongoing support!



Principal: Mrs Debbie Coker

Chair of Local Board: Mrs Trish Dodds

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Please let the office know if you or anyone on house or changed their mobile number.

It is important that our records are kept up-to-date in case your child is sick or we need to contact you.

Don't forget, school begins at 8.45am!

Did you know you can text us as well as ring us about your child's absence before 9.30am? Please state the full name of your child, their class name or teacher and reason for absence in your text.

Our text number is **07786 208896**



Value of the term: Courage

As you know, we place our values at the core of our Academy. This term our value is Courage. Each week focusses on a different question.

04/06/18 – What kinds of changes might we be faced with- how might you manage them successfully?

11/06/18 – What can we learn about courage from the story of David and Goliath?

16/6/18- What courage have you shown in trying out new activities?

School Dinner and After School Club arrears









Please ensure that all monies owing to the School for dinners and After School Club are paid up to date. Yr 6 children will need to clear any outstanding balance.

School dinners cost £2.05 per day.

After School Club costs £3.50 until 4.30 pm and £9.80 until 6 pm.

Online Safety

With many of your children now having access to smartphones and tablets with internet connections, it is important that they are kept safe when doing so. In recent months, we have had an increase in the number of incidents being dealt with by staff in relation to comments, pictures or videos being shared through social media apps. We have explored the age restrictions for each of these apps, which you will find listed below.

Application	Age Restriction
Whatsapp 	16
Snapchat 	13
YouTube 	Although there are no age restrictions on watching YouTube videos, children must be 13 to have their own account.
Musical.ly 	13
Instagram 	13
Twitter 	13
Skype 	13
Facebook 	13

None of the applications listed are suitable for primary aged children.

To help keep your children safe online, please support us by taking the following actions:

- Remove your child's access to accounts/apps which are not age appropriate.
- Monitor what the children are looking at online and ensure that it is appropriate for their age.
- Monitor messages being sent and received by your child.
- Monitor your child's online history and take action if needed.

For more information about keeping your child safe online please explore the following links:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.childnet.com/>

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Class Photos

Class Photos are coming home this week. Please make sure that all photos and orders are returned by Wednesday June 20th 2018.

Sports Day

Sports Day is coming up soon so grab your best cheering voice and pom -poms and and join us for some fun!

Early Years will be holding their Sports Day on Tuesday 19th June @ 10.30. KS2 Sports Day is scheduled for Thursday 21st June @ 9.15am and KS1 Sports Day @ 1.30pm (also on Thursday 21st).

Children need to wear their PE kits – house-coloured T shirts and navy shorts along with trainers (replacement t-shirts can be purchased from the school office. (Suncream put on before school, hats and water bottles as well please) The Sports Days will be set out the same as last year. The classes will move around a carousel of sporting activities and will then end with track events. You are welcome to follow your child's class around the field for the carousel and then sit opposite the track for the running races. For those of you who fancy taking part, bring your trainers for the parent race! (KS1/2).

Premier Wellbeing Coffee Mornings 11th June and 14th June.

Premier Sports wish to involve parents in their launch of a Well Being e-book which the children will start learning about later in the school year. They will be introducing the e-book to the parents whilst hosting **two Coffee Mornings** in The Old Library on **Monday, 11th June** and **Thursday, 14th June 9.00 am – 10.30 am** to share ideas for healthy breakfasts, lunch boxes, meal plans and much, much more. This is a very exciting new venture to support your child's knowledge of living a healthy lifestyle and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the above dates. Next academic year, Premier Sports are planning to be setting the children home- learning opportunities based on the resources introduced. It would be good to see as many of you as possible. We really believe in developing the whole child here at Fishponds and keeping everyone healthy physically and mentally is really important.

With best wishes, Debbie Coker, Principal

Dates for your diaries:

Monday 4th June 2018	First day back of Term 6. School starts @ 8.45am
Wednesday 7 th June	RSE meetings for differing year groups for parents (go to classroom @ 3.30pm)
Week beginning Monday 11 th June 2018	Premier Wellbeing Coffee Morning 9.00 – 10.30 am – The Old Fishponds Library Year 1 phonics screening (Also Year 2 phonics screening for small number who are having another go!)
Thursday, 14 th June 2018	Premier Wellbeing Coffee Morning 9.00 – 10.30 am – The Old Fishponds Library
Tuesday 19 th June 2018	Early Years Sports morning. (Reserve day Weds 20 th June)
Thursday 21 st June	KS2 Sports Day (morning), KS1 Sports Day (afternoon) (Reserve day Friday 22 nd June)
Friday 29 th June	Friends of Fishponds Academy school BBQ – keep the evening free!
Wednesday 11 th July	Y6 Play am and pm.
Friday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly @10am All Saints Church (Y6 parents welcome)
Monday 16 th July	Moving up Day!
Tuesday 24 th July	Last day of Term 6

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