**Headteacher’s Newsletter**

**June 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe we only have seven weeks left of this academic year as time has flown by and we have achieved so much.However…there is still plenty more to come with lots of exciting events and opportunities. Year 2 and Year 6 have completed their SATs papers and both year groups worked extremely hard to prepare for them. Whatever the outcome they should all be proud of their hard work and effort over the last half term. In Reception, tadpoles have been growing in their new temporary pond – the children have had an excellent time observing their life cycle and will continue to do so until the end of term. Last month, Reception and Year 1 went on a trip to Cogges Manor Farm where they enjoyed activities based around the book Little Red Hen and experienced life in a Victorian household. Year 3 have started their swimming lessons and have been having specialist hockey coaching as part of their PE provision along with Year 4. Year 5, of course, treated us to an excellent performance of Macbeth just before the Easter break which was well received by everyone who attended!

Coming up this half term we have a number of BRSA and whole school events such as Sports Day, Hot Dog Day and, of course, the Summer Fayre. Year 6 will soon be planning and launching their Mini Enterprise businesses and rehearsals are underway for their end of year show Mystery at Magpie Manor. Year 2 will be visiting the Amersham Field Study Centre to further their Science studies. Unfortunately, their Roald Dahl museum trip had to be cancelled due to flooding!

**Mufti Day for the Summer Fayre**

We are in need of some supplies for our Jar Tombola stall. On Friday 29th June the children will be able to come to school wearing mufti in return for a donation of a filled jam jar. There are plenty of ideas of things you could fill a jar with, for example: sweets, craft items, weighed ingredients to make a treat or something like mini coloured pens of pencils so this is your opportunity to get creative and think of exciting things! If you are planning on putting edible things in your jars, please remember we are a nut free school.

**Moving to Greater Depth Evening**

Thank you to all who attended the information evening on how to support children in moving from secure to greater depth. If you missed this evening the slides from the presentation can be found on the school website at <https://bledlow.eschools.co.uk/website/moving_from_secure_to_greater_depth/352237>.

**Assessment Week**

Next week the children in years 3,4 and 5 will be undertaking assessments and tests in Reading, Maths and Grammar and Punctuation. These are nothing for the children to worry or be concerned about. The results of these papers will go towards informing their final teacher assessment judgements.

**Time to Talk Day**

On Thursday we had our second Time to Talk day following on from the success of our day last term. This will now become a termly day in our diary giving space for classes to focus on Mental Health and how they can work to overcome worries and anxieties they may have. This term we have focussed on resilience and dealing with change with a view to children’s transition into new year groups. We have spent time looking at how children can try to shift their mindset and look at things with a rational and logic mindset to understand how they can best deal with things that worry them.

**Changeover Day**

Changeover Day this year will be on Tuesday 3rd July. The children will start the morning in their current classes for registration, but then swiftly move to their new classes for the morning. During this time they will spend some time getting to know their new teacher and doing some planning for how they are going to approach their first curriculum topic next year. We are excited about starting Project Based Learning next year - a method of delivering the curriculum which allows for more child input into the planning of the topic. More detailed information about this will follow in the coming weeks. This year, the children will also receive a mini handbook about their new year group that will give you some details of what equipment they will need and more information about the year group they are moving into.

**Parent Survey**

Thank you to those who completed the parent survey – we had 74 responses by the time the survey closed. We are currently analysing and responding to the comments made and will publish an analysis of the survey in the coming weeks.

**E-safety**

As mentioned in the last newsletter I have subscribed to #DITTO, an e-safety newsletter. The latest edition is all about Youtube, including some facts and figures, more information about different uses and also how you can moderate your children’s use of it as parents. This edition and all the archived editions can be found at <http://www.esafety-adviser.com/newsletter/>.

**Matched Funding**

If any parents are able to access matched funding through their work, then we would love to hear from you! As you know, the money the BRSA raise is invaluable to the running of the school and any ways in which this could be supplemented would be gladly received.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mr. A. Haywood

Headteacher

**Diary Dates**

14.06.18 New Parents Evening

15.06.18 Hot Dog Day

19.06.18 Secondary Transfer Evening for Year 5 parents @ 7:30pm

22.06.18 Film Club for Key Stage 1 and 2

27.06.18 Golden Welly

29.06.18 Jam Jar Mufti Day

03.07.18 Changeover Day

06.07.18 Annual Reports given out

07.07.18 Summer Fayre

11.07.18 First Aid for Year 6

12.07.18 Sports Day and Picnic

12.07.18 Open Evening 6pm – 8pm

17.07.18 Back Up Sports Day

17.07.18 Y6 Show @ 1:30pm

18.07.18 Y6 Show @ 7pm

24.07.18 Leavers’ Assembly

24.07.18 Finish for summer at 1:30pm

05.09.18 INSET Day

06.09.18 Children return to school