

June Newsletter



June 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

The sun has certainly shone on us in June; there has been much to bask in and enjoy in addition to the rays - Condoover, Burwell, Lord's and Father's Day activities to name just a few. I was fortunate to join the year 4 children for part of their visit to Burwell House. Thankfully no one fell in whilst pond dipping, even with the excitement of finding a newt! Teachers against children in the smuggler's game (you have some very shrewd children!) and seeing the children (and Mrs Smith!) trying to solve Mr Chapman's campfire conundrum were definite highlights for me. I'm booking my place for next year!

Condoover

If ever the Year 6 children are stranded on a desert island they should manage just fine after the experience they have gained during a week-long visit to Condoover Hall in Shropshire. There they learnt survival skills such as fire-lighting, shelter building and raft-building. They would be able to get around on the island, thanks to their newly developed skills on the aerial trek – a high ropes course with 9 different elements - and in kayaking and exploring Condoover's very own (artificial) cave system. The children (and the teachers) had a brilliant time and in the process learnt to overcome their fears, became better team workers and made new friends. Everybody agreed that this was an experience that wouldn't be forgotten for a long time.

Trip to Lord's Cricket Ground

On a beautifully sunny Friday, a group of 31 Year 3 children had the fantastic opportunity to go to Lord's Cricket Ground thanks to All Stars Cricket. In the morning, the children, adorned in their brand new light blue varsity t-shirts, got the chance to go on a tour of the grounds. They looked around the museum which contained lots of memorabilia, including the Ashes urn, and also got to tour the JP Morgan Media Centre with fantastic views over the ground. The children took part in a number of fun cricket games, developing their team building and bowling skills. Over lunch, the children were lucky enough to watch some of the varsity match whilst soaking in the atmosphere and an opportunity to watch a live game of cricket. In the afternoon, the children got to play on the actual training pitch.



"I liked that you could watch a real game of cricket. I liked all the games we played and the tour"- Rosa. Thank you to Eddie and to All Stars Cricket for offering our children the chance to take part in such an inspirational and memorable day. It certainly did make for some 'irresistible learning'.



Father's Day

To celebrate Father's Day, we spent a beautiful sunny morning on the field. The children had the opportunity to take part in some fun activities, alongside their male guests, including making fruit smoothies. It was lovely to see the field so full of happy, smiling children (and adults) enjoying spending time together. We hope everyone who came had a fantastic morning.

Staffing Update

Happy news! Mrs Deacon is expecting her first baby in December. Mrs Deacon is keeping well and we are all very excited for her and her husband.

I am thrilled that Mrs Cattermole will be staying with us and becoming a permanent member of our staff from September. Mrs Cattermole has come to our rescue twice now when we have needed long term supply teachers and we have succeeded in persuading her to stay! Some parents will know that we have struggled to have consistent cover in certain classes, where teachers work only four days a week, but that is all to change! Mrs Cattermole is going to be doing all our 'odd' days for us which means that there will be welcome and needed consistency for children, parents and teachers alike. We all love working with Mrs Cattermole. She is a kind and caring teacher with a great sense of fun and is also very creative. She is a great asset to our team.

September Class Lists

On Thursday your child will bring home details of their new class for September. During the day, children will have visited their new class and met their new teacher. Classes in September are:

Foundation Stage Ladybird Class *Miss Blesic* Butterfly Class *Miss Cottle* (FS Leader)

Year One Daisy Class *Miss Wright / Mrs Cattermole* (Monday) Buttercup Class - *Mrs Benson* (Year 1/2 Leader) /*Mrs Cattermole*

Mrs Benson's sickness cover to be confirmed.

Year Two Bluebell Class *Miss Gillespie* Poppy Class *Mrs Roberts* (SENCO)/*Mrs Henderson*

Year Three Squirrel Class *Mrs Bandea* Hedgehog Class *Miss Graves*

Year Four Fox Class *Mrs Smith* (Yr. 3/4 Leader) / *Mrs Cattermole* (Wednesday) Deer Class *Miss Thomas*

Year Five Kingfisher Class *Miss Rimmer* (Yr. 5/6 Leader) Robin Class *Mrs Gordon-Barnes*

Year Six Kestrel Class *Miss Jarvis / Mrs Cattermole* (Tuesday) Owl Class *Miss Eyres*

Desperately seeking library help

The end of term is swiftly approaching. There is much still to do before then. We have even more to do this year with our move during the summer holidays into our brand new teaching spaces. As part of this move, we need to pack up the school library books into boxes by Friday 20th July so that the builders can move into the school library space on Monday 23rd July. To this end, we are asking for all library books to be returned to school this week. We are also in desperate need of a team of volunteers to come and help box up all the books during the week of 16th – 20th July. If you have an hour or two spare, we would really appreciate your help. Please drop an email for the attention of Mrs Mulvey in the school office who will be co-ordinating helpers.

Reports

Please be aware that reports were scheduled to be sent out on Wednesday 11th July. These will now be given to children on Monday 16th July.

Parking around school

The school is receiving complaints about parents who continually ignore the rules and put children's lives at risk by parking outside the school at drop off and pick up times. Yellow zig-zag lines around schools mean that not only is parking prohibited but so is stopping on them to drop off adults and children. Please support us in making sure our children stay safe by keeping this area clear.

And finally Open Evening is Thursday 5.30-7.00pm

Open Evening is a celebration of our year. It is an opportunity to visit your child's current class, view some of their work and talk to your child's class teacher. You will also be able to visit your child's new class and

meet their new teacher. All our new staff joining us in September will be attending. Please do come along and welcome them to our lovely school. I hope to see many of you there.

Mrs Stephanie Wilcox
Headteacher

Dates for July

- Tuesday 9th– Friday 13th July – Science week
- Monday 16th July – Reports home
- Thursday 19th – Foundation, Year 1 & 2 Children trip to Stockbridge Meadows – leaving 11.30am for picnic lunch – All parents welcome
- Friday 20th – PTFA Discos
- Monday 23rd – Year 6 Leavers Celebration 2.00pm
- Tuesday 24th – End of year assembly – Parent helpers invited -



Dates for the diary

Disco – Friday 20th July

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