



2022 - 2023 Edition Seven (11.05.2023)

Apparently Summer is here

With the year racing by, we find ourselves already halfway through term five. We have had a busy last few weeks that has consisted of children from year three and four enjoying a fantastic few days away at Skern Lodge in North Devon. Our children in EYFS have enjoyed a day out by the River Marden and year 1 and 2's have experienced the exciting world of Jungle Jonathan. Year 3 and 4 adored the 'Journey into the Body' finding out about the digestive system and year 5 and 6 were wowed by a science magic show. Not to forget, the King's

Coronation celebrations. Term 5 will now culminate in the SATs tests which have been taking place this week for year six (Mallard and Curlew) and over the next couple of weeks for year two (Kingfisher and Teal).

Coronation Day

Unfortunately, the weather put pay to our whole school picnic and 'Garden Games' afternoon. However, still a huge thank you for all your efforts with regards to the chocolate raffle, a favourite with the children, I can't think why! Also, for the valiant entries to the Cake and Crown competitions. Well done to the lucky winners of the raffle that was drawn after school in the hall and a huge well done to the winners of the Cake and Crown competitions. Those winners have been awarded their commemorative medals and seed packets during Celebration Assembly. With all the raffle and cake sale monies totalled up, we managed to raise **£682.60p**. THANKYOU.

Join Your Child @ School Science and PSHE Sessions.

Over the last few terms, we have hosted two further 'Join Your Child @ School' sessions. This time they focussed on learning in Science and PSHE. The point of these sessions is to allow you an insight into the learning that the children experience across a wider range of subject areas.

SAT's Tests

As mentioned above, it's that horrible time of the year where the children in year two (Kingfisher and Teal) and year six (Mallard and Curlew) have to undertake a series of tests. These SAT's tests have already started in year 6 and will finish on Friday. SAT's for year 2 will be administered over the next few weeks for Kingfisher and Teal classes. As in previous years, we have tried to keep them as low key as possible. If you have a child in these classes, can I ask that your child's attendance is exemplary over the next few weeks so we can get the tests done and move on to enjoy the summer. Remember folks, just think things through and give everything a go and you won't go far wrong. The year one phonics test and year four multiplication test will follow in June.

Congratulations – Baby News!

I'm sure you'll join me in wishing both Mrs Clifford and Mrs Rens our heartfelt congratulations on the birth of their babies. Mrs Clifford giving birth to a baby boy and Mrs Rens a baby girl in the last few weeks. We hear that mums and babies are doing well.

Skern Lodge

Thank you to all those who went this year, it was an amazing few days away, probably one of the best I can remember for a long time. As ever, the children were super 'Spikey', co-operating, thinking things through and more importantly giving everything a go. Climbing, zip lining and rafting. Don't forget to ask them about the Birds of Prey demonstration and the campfire with the amazing sunset. These experiences are fantastic opportunities to see the children apply all their 'Spikiness' away from the classroom and further develop the independence required for their next step in their educational journey. All in all, some memories made, some lessons learnt and we look forward now to next year's residential experiences. Roll on Morfa Bay in November and Skern Lodge again next April 2024.

Teachers Strike

Thank you for your continued support with regards to the recent strike days. Unfortunately, there may be a few more days in the near future, with all of the other teaching unions now re-balloting. Currently, I do not have any new dates, but as these are published, I will let you know.

Priestley & Proud Afternoon.

It was great to see so many of you pop into school for our first ever 'Priestley & Proud' afternoon. It was wonderful to see the children sharing the hard work that they have completed so far this year with their parents.

Dates

Friday 26 May – Last day of term

Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June – Half term holiday

Monday 5 June – Back to school

Friday 9 June – Class Photo's

W/C Monday 12 June and Monday 19 June - Yr1 Phonics testing

W/C Monday 12 June and Monday 19 June - Yr4 Multiplication testing

Tuesday 20 June – EYFS trip to Cricklade and Swindon Railway

Tuesday 20 June – Year 5/6 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Wednesday 21 June – Rags to Riches collection (more details to follow)

Thursday 22 June – Year 1/2 trip to Legoland

Wednesday 28 June – Year 3/4 trip to Cardiff Castle

Friday 21 July – Last day of term

Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 July – TD Days (school closed to pupils)

Priestley & Proud

A Marsh-Ballard

Mr Marsh-Ballard