



2022 - 2023 Edition Eight (15.06.2023)

The Last Leg

With the sun shining, we find ourselves getting stuck into term six, with still lots of learning to be done, another round of trips to enjoy, visits to secondary schools and a careers fair for those in year's five and six, as well as Sports Day to look forward to! We have some great trips running over the next couple of weeks, EYFS are off to the Cotswold Water Park, after a last-minute change. This is due to the Swindon and Cricklade Railway unfortunately not being able to accommodate us because of a lack of railway volunteers available. Yr 1 & 2 are spending the day at Legoland, Yr 3 & 4 are off to Cardiff Castle and Yr 5 & 6 are spending the day at Cotswold Wildlife Park. Your ability to support with these trips, through making a contribution on ParentPay and being available to help on the day make them happen. Without either, we will struggle to offer these great learning opportunities for the children to capitalise on back in the classroom.

23 -24 Transition

After the success of last year, we will be repeating the early transition arrangements. We understand for some children this can be an anxious time, while others cannot wait to move on, so this opportunity seemed to work for all last year. We will again, use the last two weeks of this term to ensure the children are all well prepared for next year, so they and you can enjoy the summer break knowing what lies ahead. The last day in their current class will be Friday, 7 July and your child will start their new class on Monday, 10 July. More information on this to follow nearer the time.

Careers Fair

We are looking forward to trying to resurrect a pre covid event, with our first Careers Fair since the pandemic. We look forward to welcoming some old favourites back to school as well as some new employers to the school hall. It proved a fantastic opportunity for those older children in school to find out a little about some different professions, that might just plant a seed that will provide the ambition required to see them through secondary school.

School Dinners

We are starting to notice that a lot of the children are saying that they don't like what has been chosen for them on the menu. Please can I ask that you spend some time talking through the menu with your child when booking, as there is expectation in school that they will try and eat what's been chosen for them by you.

Uniform

The sun has appeared, and it would seem the uniform rules have begun to disappear as well. Please can we refrain from cycling shorts. Tailored shorts are acceptable. Black or Brown footwear please and a reminder that any kind of jewellery (including braids/friendship bands) other than stud earrings, are not permitted. It is also good idea to make sure the children have a hat with them as well please. What the children look like coming to and from school reflects on the school's reputation as well as their 'Spikey' behaviour choices.

Water Bottles

Please can I remind everyone that the children require their own named water bottle in school (at all times) that should be only filled with water please, no squash or juice. Thankyou.

End of the Day

Please can I ask that you keep away from the plastic tubes that have appeared around the school. These clear tubes house new tree saplings, and although the sticks might look appealing to a little pair of hands, they are there to support the sapling. Can I ask that we make a concerted effort to make sure they are left alone to grow please. The vast majority of the trees you see around school started off as the same little stick and tube and over the years, that I have been here, have been looked after and have grown into what we see today. Therefore, it's a little disappointing to find out that over the last week or so several have been pulled up at the end of the day.

The Last Day of Term

The last day of the school year will on Friday, 21 July and the children will finish at **1.30pm**.

Return to School

Friday, 1 September will be a Teacher Training Day so we will welcome the children back to school on **Monday, 4 September**. Other Teacher Training Days for 2023-2024 will follow.

Dates

Weeks Beg: 12th & 19th June – Yr 1 Phonics Testing.

Tuesday, 20 June – EYFS trip to Cotswold Park & Beach

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

Wednesday, 21 June – Rags2Riches Clothing collection. Please drop bags before 9am by main gate.

Thursday, 22 June – Year 1 & 2 trip to Legoland

Wednesday, 28 June – Year 3 & 4 trip to Cardiff Castle

Thursday, 29 June – Careers Fair

Monday, 3 July – Yr 5 Abbeyfield Taster Day.

Monday, 3 July – EYFS & KS1 Sports Day afternoon – 1pm start

Tuesday, 4 July – Yr 6 Kingsbury Green Transition Day

Wednesday, 5 July – KS2 Sports Day morning – 10am start

Thursday, 6 July – Yr 5 Kingsbury Green Taster Day

Thursday, 6 – 12 July - Bikeability

Friday, 7 July – Last day in current classes.

Monday, 10 July – First day in new classes.

Wednesday, 12 July – Yr 6 Abbeyfield Transition Day

Friday, 21 July – Last Day, early finish 1.30pm

Monday, 24 July – TD Day

Tuesday, 25 July - TD Day

Friday, 1 September – TD Day

Monday, 4 September – Back to school

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