



## **2021 - 2022 Edition Seven (25.05.2022)**

Time seems to be flying by as we already find ourselves staring at the end of term five and looking forward to a warm sunny, healthy term six. I'm sure the warm weather and light mornings have been welcomed by everyone, but can I take this opportunity to ask that the children come to school prepared for changes in the weather. Warm sunny mornings can turn into chilly wet afternoons.

### **Jubilee Celebrations**

Well, where do I start. What a fantastic day. The weather behaved itself and everyone enjoyed an afternoon of being taken back to the 1950's. A huge thank you to you all for taking part in the hat and cake competitions and for staying on after school to enjoy the stalls and band. It was the first time we have come together as a whole school since the beginning of March 2020 and hopefully this will be the catalyst to continue, allowing all of the children to enjoy each other's company more regularly going forward. Congratulations go to everyone who won the design a hat for the Queen competition and the cake competition. The Governors that were tasked with judging them had a tough time trying to choose the winners. The standards were extremely high. Let's not forget those lucky winners of the raffle hampers. That raffle draw seemed to just keep going on Monday afternoon, so many prizes! Overall, between the raffle, children's chocolate raffle and stalls we've raised an amazing £1400. This will go towards the planting of the thirty trees, which was carried out back in February as part of the Queens plant a tree for the Jubilee project. In addition to new books for our libraries and some new play equipment for the children to use. THANK YOU to everybody involved. PRIESTLEY & PROUD!

### **SAT's Tests**

After a 2-year absence, SAT's are back. Both our year two and year six pupils applied themselves admirably over the past couple of weeks, they took everything in their stride and have really done themselves proud. Well-done folks! We can now look forward to the year one Phonics test and the year four times tables test directly after the half term holiday.

### **Absence**

Please can I take this opportunity to remind everyone that if your child is absent from school, it is a legal requirement for you to contact the school to inform us as to the reason for absence, by 9.15 am. The DfE are currently publishing a raft of expectations around attendance post Covid. So, I think it's fair to say that the expectations will be raised. I will update everyone next term.

### **Holidays**

Again, just a reminder that any leave of absence other than illness will need to be requested on the school request form. This can be downloaded from the school's website, emailed on request or picked up from the school office. At the risk of sounding like a scratched record, I sympathise looking at the rising costs of holidays this summer, but I'm caught between the rock and the hard place and will be as usual, unable to authorise any absence.

### **Dogs**

No dogs on site please, on foot or carried. Thank you.

### **Residential Trips**

It's that time of the year again where we start to think about our annual 'all inclusive' trip to Wales. A letter will be coming out shortly with regards to our Yr5/6 Residential Trip to Morfa Bay in West

Wales in November. It was fantastic to get it back off the ground with our biggest group ever attending last year. I am now looking forward to a repeat performance this year. It's an amazing week where the children get to try new things, challenge themselves and begin to experience some independence away from home.

### **Water Bottles**

Please can I remind everyone that the children require their own named water bottle in school that should be only filled with water please. No squash or juice. Thank you

### **Dates**

**Friday 27 May – TD Day**

**Tuesday 21 June – EYFS Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip**

**Tuesday 21 June & Thursday 23 June – Yr1/2 Castle Trip (more details to follow)**

**Thursday 23 June – Yr3/4 Crocodiles of the World Trip**

**Tuesday 28 June – Yr5 Kingsbury Green Taster Day**

**Thursday 30 June – Yr5/6 Trip to London Science Museum (more details to follow)**

**Friday 1 July – TD Day**

**Monday 4 July – KS2 Sports Day**

**Tuesday 5 July – EYFS/KS1 Sports Day**

**Tuesday 5 July - Yr6 Kingsbury Green Transition visit and Abbeyfield Yr5 Taster Day**

**Thursday 7 & Friday 8 July – Yr6 Production**

**Wednesday 13 July – Abbeyfield Yr6 Transition**

**Thursday 21 July – Last day of Term 1pm finish**

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