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Weekly Newsletter 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy News and Stars of the Week

Kites have loved becoming superheroes this week, focusing on our superpowers, what makes us special and thinking about our roles and responsibilities.

Stars of the week are Isaac N and Isaac C

Year 1 have enjoyed tasting different fruits and talking about their flavours.

Stars of the week are Megan T and Bella N

Year 2 have been learning about seeds and have been checking in on the ones that they planted in different conditions.

Stars of the week are Ella W and Sophie B

Year 3 have been learning about the different layers of the rainforest. They have impressed the adults in Year 3 by being able to describe each stage and remembering where different creatures live.

Stars of the Week are Quinn C and Bell A-C

Year 4 have been amazing us with their programming skills this week, often keeping us teachers on our toes! We can't wait to see what educational games they will produce. If you feel like taking a look, we use the Scratch program from MIT which is available as a free online programming platform.

Stars of the Week are James B and Mata M

Year 5 have enjoyed writing Australian dreamtime stories this week. Today was capped off with a little ceremony to wish Abbey all the very best in her new school.

Stars of the Week are James H and Abbey VO

Year 6 have enjoyed making bread this week, including experimenting with adding their own choice of extra ingredients.

Stars of the Week are Ben L and Samuel W

Publicising our School – please help!

We are keen to ensure that all children who want to come to our school know about us and attend our Open Days. You and your children are one of our greatest assets and we need your help!

If you are able to distribute some flyers (even just a few), we would really appreciate your support with that. Packs of flyers will be available at the office – we are particularly trying to target the new housing, and of course Caversham and Emmer Green, as well as the village.

Your child will come home next week with a few flyers for distribution to friends and neighbours. They will be labelled with their class teacher's initials, and any new family coming to visit for an Open Day on 3rd or 13th October (with their flyer!) will be entered into a prize draw. The class managing to deliver the most attendees will also receive a reward.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Cross Country

Last Saturday saw the first race in this year's cross country calendar at Greys Court. This venue is always tough as the course is hilly and the grass was long. Everyone ran really well and made us very proud!

Kites: Isaac C came 5th in the Year 1 race!

Year 2: Bailey B 10th, Mhairi R 7th, Olivia G 6th, Myles S 6th, Max C 3rd

Year 5: Louie B 1st

Year 6: Elsie D 1st

Next event: Saturday 8th October at MECE. Years 1 to 6. Everyone welcome (please note no dogs allowed on site). Races start at 10am with Year 1.

School Events

Please come along to our school Colour Run on Saturday 23rd September and enjoy getting covered in paint for a good cause!

The first running of the SoCo 10k is taking place on October 1st. The race will start and finish at school and is another brilliant fundraiser for us. Please encourage friends and family to enter online at <https://www.soco10k.co.uk/> Entries close on Thursday 28th September (or earlier if full).

PE T-shirts

Supplier issues with Earth Uniform should hopefully be rectified near the end of the month and then orders can be placed via their website. We have a small supply of age 3-4 and 5-6 ONLY in the school office, payment can be made via MCAS.

Second hand uniform sale

Every Friday at 3:20pm the PTA sell items of second uniform for the bargain price of 50p per item! They have recently been re-stocked with items in larger sizes. The PTA always welcome donations of clean and reusable uniform. Please note they don't take donations of unbranded PE tops or hoodies.

JNR Coaching

JNR's October camp will be running this half term with a variety of sports and arts & crafts on offer. If you book before the end of September, you will receive their early bird discount which is all children are £20 per day! Please book direct with JNR at <https://www.buildarray.com/u/BOMX>.

JNR after school sports clubs all start next week, please see the school website for further details.

Guitar lessons

Russ Payne teaches guitar in school on a Monday afternoon during school hours and has some availability for pupils in Years 3 to 6, beginners and experienced. Please contact Russ directly for enquiries: Russ Payne, Go Guitar, goguitarmail@yahoo.co.uk or 07921 087816

Safeguarding – Exiting the school site

We are making our site safer in the mornings by allocating a member of staff to the Green Gate exit from Key Stage 1. The consequence for parents will be that the gate will be locked soon after school starts at 8.50am. Please ensure you are through the gate by then.

Your headteacher

Mr Chris Hirst

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Dates for your Diary

SEPTEMBER 2023	
Saturday 23 rd	PTA Colour Run
Saturday 23 rd	Leighton Park Open Morning 9am – 11am (Booking required)
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th Sept	Y6 Woodlands trip
Tuesday 26 th Sept	Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge Open Evening 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 28 th Sept	Gillotts Open Evening 6pm – 8:15pm (Booking required)
OCTOBER 2023	
Sunday 1 st October	10K Run/Jog/Walk
Tuesday 3 rd	Gillotts Open Morning 9:15am – 12pm (Booking required)
Tuesday 3rd	Open Afternoon for new Kites 2024 1:30pm – 3pm
Thursday 5 th	Highdown Open Evening
Thursday 5 th	St Joseph's College Open Evening 6pm – 9pm (Booking required)
Friday 6 th	INSET DAY – School closed
Saturday 7 th	Cross Country at MECE
Saturday 7 th	Cranford School Open Morning 9:30am (Booking required)
Tuesday 10 th	Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge Open Morning (Booking required)
Wednesday 11 th	Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge Open Morning (Booking required)
Friday 13th	Open Afternoon for new Kites 2024 1:30pm – 3pm
Tuesday 17 th	Individual Pupil Photos
Friday 20 th	Term 1 ends 3:15pm
Monday 30 th	Term 2 starts

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