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Cultivating Respect, Persevering, and Learning with Courage

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Dear Families,

It has been an incredible few weeks, with so much going on! Year 5 spent a night at Hill End and have been busy rehearsing their performance with Year 6. Year 6 have been immersed in their text *Some Places More Than Others*, writing diary entries and researching inspirational black people. We have an incredible range from Patrick Kelly the fashion designer to Claudette Colvin the 15-year-old activist who refused to give up her seat 9 months before Rosa Parks did.

Year 4 are off the Harwell tomorrow to visit the Diamond Light Source where they will be completing a range of experiments as part of the Harwell Open Days. This is a fantastic opportunity, and I can't wait to hear all about it when they get back.

Year 3 have been learning all about Ancient Benin as part of their Africa is Not A Country topic. They have written their own versions of their class text *Cinderella of The Nile* and used fruit and vegetables to make natural colours for art. Whilst Year 2 have followed up their trip to the Mudeford with some incredible poetry writing. Their use of vocabulary and structure had led to some very moving poems.

Following a pirate invasion this morning, Year 1 have been making treasure chests, writing questions for the pirates and practicing writing dialogue. Continuing the theme of journeys, Reception are preparing for a journey into Space this week. There are space stations and rockets a go in Willow!

The Year 1 children have completed their phonics screening checks and Year 4 have done their Multiplication Tables checks. Both year groups have been serene in their approach to these which is testament to the staff's calm approach. Children are much more than the outcomes of these.

Outdoor Classroom

Following the repairs to our Outdoor Classroom, which was generously supported by Dave Machin, the classroom has now been renamed the Claire Machin Outdoor Classroom. A beautiful sign matching the one for Claire's Garden has been placed at the top. Please do take a look next time you are on the field.

Parent Survey

Thank you to all of the families who completed the parent survey. We had 84 responses in the end which is a return rate of 53%.

Headlines

My child is happy at school – 91% agree or strongly agree

My child feels safe at school – 94% agree or strongly agree

School takes my child's well being seriously – 94% agree or strongly agree

Actions

☆ From September 2024 we will be introducing OPAL to support high quality play at break and lunchtimes. The aim of this is to increase children's feeling of safety and well being at these times. Part of this will include all staff being trained as playworkers to ensure that they can support and enhance these experiences even further.

☆ We will be working with the team from the Ambassadors for Good Programme to introduce Music therapy sessions for children across school.

Communication

Communication is good = 85.7% agree or strongly agree

Dojo has improved communication – 96.4% agree or strongly agree

School actively seek my views – 72.6% agree or strongly agree

I feel listened to – 84.6% agree or strongly agree



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- ☆ From September 2024 we will be returning to in person Parents Evenings with an option for online meetings if these are better for families.
- ☆ Class Dojo will remain our primary mode of communication. Each class will have a section on the school website where we will keep copies of letters sent home to make it easier to locate information. Paper copies will be available from the office.
- ☆ Permission slips will be digital – a link will be sent within the letter.

Curriculum and Learning

The school is inclusive – 92.9% agree or strongly agree

The school has high expectations for my child – 85.4% agree or strongly agree

My child is making good progress – 91.6% agree or strongly agree

My child's interim report is useful – 82.1% agree or strongly agree

The curriculum is ambitious and interesting – 89.3% agree or strongly agree

Actions

As a result of the feedback –

- ☆ We have procured new sports kit for both the football team and for children representing the school. These will have the school's name on the back.
- ☆ Following the success of the Coffee Morning, we will be holding one every other Wednesday of very term from September starting on the 11th September.
- ☆ We will also be reintroducing Class Assemblies from September 2024.
- ☆ Contact details for the SSA will be shared in newsletters for people to offer their time.



SSA

All upcoming events will be communicated via Class Dojo.

Upcoming Events:

- ☆ Colour Run – Sunday 14th July
- ☆ Bake Off – Monday 22nd July

If you are able to offer any help or would like to volunteer in any capacity, please do let the SSA know.

Their contact details are: SSA.stmichaels@gmail.com

Safeguarding

If you are worried about your own child or another child in the community, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate people:

Immediate danger

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on **999**.

Immediate concern

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on **0345 050 7666**.

If you are a parent or carer

If you feel you are harming your child or are close to doing so please contact us on one of the following numbers:

- Office hours (8.30am – 5pm, Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 4pm, Friday): Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: **0345 050 7666**
- Outside office hours: Emergency Duty Team: **0800 833 408**

If you have any concerns or require any support, please do speak to us. We have access to lots of different types of support ranging from the Community Larder and parenting support right through to Social Care.

Kind Regards

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TERM 6 DATES

Date	Event	Time	Year Groups
25 th June	Aureus Transition Day	All Day	Year 6
26 th June	John Mason / Fitzharrys Transition Day	All Day	Year 6
27 th June	Vale County Cricket Finals	All Day	Year 5/6
3 rd July	Sports Day	TBC	Reception – Year 6
	Vision Screening	9am	Reception
	Stay and Play	3:30pm	New Reception Starters
	Vale County Quad Kids Finals	All Day	Year 3/4
4 th July	Summer Performance	1:30pm	Year 5/6
	Willow 24/25 Parent Meeting	6:30pm	New Reception Starter Parents
8 th July	Summer Performance	1:30pm	Year 5/6
		6:30pm	
9 th July	DGS/SBS Transition Day	All day	Year 6
	Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park	9am	Reception
	Multi-Sports Event	3:30pm	Year 1 and 2
10 th July	DGS/SBS Transition Day	All day	Year 6
11 th July	King Alfred's Transition Day	All Day	Year 6
	Stay and Play	3:30pm	New Reception Starters
14 th July	SSA Colour Run Event	TBC	All welcome
17 th July	Transition Day in school	-	All Year Groups
	Meet and Greet	3:15pm	All Year Groups
19 th July	Reports home to parents	-	All Year Groups
	Leavers Assembly	9.30am	Year 6
22 nd July	Bake Off	2pm	All welcome
23 rd July	Leavers Service at the Church	9:30am	All families welcome
	End of Term 6	1pm	