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Friday Fortnightly Newsletter

Summer Term Edition

Friday 26th April 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Message from the Head

The Summer Term begins – at least Tuesday was sunny and warm! Our school focus for this term is Resilience, Responsibility and Respect. We will be looking at ways we can reflect these values in the classroom, at social times and of course, at home! We have an assembly every term from Gordon Rea, a travelling teacher and assembly 'superstar' who creates memorable stories, songs and experiences for the children, based around Christianity and linked to morals and values we can all aspire to. Gordon will be in residence again next week!

Meadowside Class News

Reception

This term our topic will be all about amazing animals. We started on Tuesday by thinking about all the different animals we knew, we made a very impressive list of them all. For the rest of the week we will be thinking about animals that people keep as pets and what those pets need to stay healthy. In the computer suite we all had a go at being vets on the simple city programme. The classroom has changed round a little bit and we now have a pet shop in our role play area. Next week we will be out in the school grounds looking for insects and mini beasts and learning about them. Look out for all those creepy crawlies.

Years 1 & 2

What an exciting start to the topic Year 1 and 2 have had! We were all very excited to go through passport control on Wednesday and board a plane to go on holiday! We stowed our luggage, chose our in-flight meals and watched the safety video but just before we started the journey, we remembered we didn't yet know where we were going! The teachers brought out their suitcases to give us some clues but... they'd all packed to go to different places! The beach, the city, the country, skiing... we decided we couldn't go to all four places so thought we ought to learn a little more about holidays before we make our final decision on where to go. Check back to find out any decisions we make in the next few weeks!

This term is an important one for Year 2, so please make sure everyone is well rested and in good spirits for all the exciting challenges we have in store!

Year 3 & 4

We hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break. We have had a fantastic first week back in Year 3! On Tuesday we kicked off our new topic 'Time Detectives' and discovered we are learning all about the Romans! We got to dress like a Roman, talk like a Roman, eat like a Roman and defend like a Roman! In English we are looking at myths and legends - more specifically the legend of Romulus and Remus; and in maths we will be exploring angles.

Polite reminder that we will also start swimming on Monday so please ensure your child brings in the appropriate kit.

Year 4 had a great time on Tuesday being detectives and trying to work out what our new topic is all about. We practised marching in formation, using a Pilum and a Gladius and defending ourselves using shields in formation. We learnt our numbers in Latin, tasted olives, honey, dates and coriander; we even had a go at tying our own Togas... Can you be a Time Detective and work out what our new topic is all about?

Year 5 & 6

Year 5- It was great to meet with so many parents and carers to consider achievements and how we can work together to maintain progress.

We concluded our Rainforest topic with a survival morning when the children were able to: learn how clean dirty water, build shelters, cook over an open fire and follow signs on an outdoor trail. It was great fun and a wonderful way to celebrate our learning. Year Five have launched our new topic 'Invasion', where we will be considering the impact of the Vikings on life in Britain. This topic takes us to the end of Term Six and our current class text, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope', by Joe Todd-Stanton is a key strand through this topic. Thank you for sending in complete PE kits for this term. If you have not done so yet, please do so before Monday when we have our next PE session.

Year 6- Welcome back everyone and we hope that you enjoyed a relaxing Easter break. Term 5 is a busy time in Year 6 as we approach the SATs in week 4. Many of our lessons in the first three weeks of the term will be revision of the maths topics, spelling, punctuation and grammar and the reading skills which we have learned this year. The children have shown us just how cheerful, focused and determined they can be during the recent mock tests and we shall be drawing on all these qualities again over the next few weeks. Of course, we shall continue to enjoy some of our other lessons as well and will also take the opportunity to get outside as often as possible. The launch of our next topic will take place once SATs are complete. We are very much looking forward to the many exciting activities which will take place later this term and next; for example the residential, our year 6 performance and leavers' celebrations.

Friends Of Meadowside

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely Easter break! We still have lots of activities planned for the rest of this school year, the first of which will be the Spring Hunt which takes place this Sunday (28th April). Don't worry if you have not had chance to buy your ticket for this event, you can just turn up on the day and buy your map and clues for £2. The school hall will be open from 13:00 pm until 16:00 pm and you should allow an hour to complete the hunt. There will be a treat and a drink for all the children who complete the hunt. One completed a map will then be drawn at the end for the Grand Prize. Refreshments will be available in the hall so please feel free to pop in and visit the Teashop before having a look round a few stalls which include our second hand uniform, pre-loved book sale, plant sale and raffle.

Our Ampitheatre Project is still available to vote for in Tesco stores so please keep posting your blue tokens for us. Voting closes on 30th April. Please search around pockets, cars and handbags to make sure all your blue tokens have been used! We will let you know the result as soon as we do!

During May we tend not to run an event due to the SATS tests and therefore we have decided to run an inter-class competition to win a movie afternoon. On Tuesday 7th May an empty 2 litre bottle will appear in each class. The aim is for the children to fill the bottle with 5p's. The children will have until Thursday 6th June and the class with the most 5p's collected will be the winners.

Finally we are delighted to announce that the amphitheatre installation has now been confirmed and will take place during May half term. We want to thank all of you for your continued support of our events which has made this possible, we hope the children will be excited to see and use the new equipment.

Music at Meadowside

This term, we have been invited to take a choir to 2 local venues – The Tall Ships festival (Y3,4,5) and St Oswald's Village (Y2-6), where we will be joining forces with their choir to perform.

In addition, Year 5s have a treat in store for the next 10 weeks when, alongside their Head Teacher, they will be learning to play an orchestral woodwind instrument (sponsored by Nurofen!) All will be revealed on Monday!

INSET dates (school shut for pupils)

Thursday 23rd May – School closed to pupils (Polling Day)

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Please Note:

The local authority has a new website address for emergency school closures (for example, heavy snow).

The new address is:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/

Dates for your diary

Sunday 28th April 1 – 4 pm Roast Dinner Hunt (Friends of Meadowside fundraiser.)

Friday 10th May- Year 1&2 trip to the Orchard

Monday 13th- Thursday 16th May- Year 6 SATs week

Monday 20th- 24th May- STEAM week

Thursday 23rd May – School closed to pupils (Polling Day)

Friday 24th May 3:15pm - School closes for half term

Saturday 25th May – Meadowside Choir at Tall Ships Festival

Monday 3rd June- Children return to School

Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th June Y6 Oak and Cherry Residential

Date of next newsletter: Friday 10th May 2019