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Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know our week began with a visit from Ofsted on Tuesday; this was a visit to gather information about how schools are responding to the coronavirus pandemic and there were a number of conversations about the pupils' return to school; attendance; behaviour; safeguarding and the school curriculum.

Whilst it was not an experience I would care to repeat anytime soon, it was an interesting and positive day. There will be a letter coming from Ofsted regarding the visit but it will be very short and factual. We will, of course, share this letter with you when it is published.

Coronavirus Update

Remote Learning Protocols

As promised, our remote learning protocols are included with this newsletter and can also be found on **The New Normal** section of our school website. These have been devised with staff and shared with governors at the most recent governor's meeting on Thursday.

Naturally, these will be reviewed over the course of the term and, if implemented, we would of course welcome parental feedback.

Face Coverings



Can I also ask parents to ensure that they are wearing a face mask or covering if they enter the school reception area to speak to the ladies in the office. There are signs up but there are too many parents walking in without a mask saying "I'm sorry, I didn't realise".

As much as this is a protective measure for yourselves, it also protects Morny, Jacq, Hannah and Clare when they speak to you.

School Photos

This Tuesday, we have the school photographer in to take individual photos of the children. Please can I remind you that there will be no family photos this year.

Please can I ask that, if you do not wish to have your child's photo taken, that you inform the school office? All children will have their photo taken unless we hear from you.

Children should come in wearing their school uniform – we're not planning any PE that day due to the poor weather and the fact we won't be able to use the hall.



School Governance

One of our parent governors, Matthew Jones is reaching the end of this term of office and, as such, there needs to be an election process. On Monday, information about becoming a Parent Governor and a letter inviting all parents to consider standing for election will be coming via ParentMail. Information about this process can also be found on our [Parent Governor Election](#) page but please do speak to me if you have any questions.

Secondary School Consultations

Over the next week, I will be offering Year 6 parents the opportunity to meet with me (via Zoom) to discuss their preferences for secondary schools before the application deadline of Monday 2nd November. Invites will be coming home via ParentMail.

Disabled Parking

We have a few families who are eligible for Blue Badges and, last year, we allocated a number of spaces on School Road for this. Please can I ask other parents not to park here.

Bridge Tennis-a-thon

A message from Stewart Bristow below and more information about the event will be coming home on Monday.

The Tennisathon at Bridge Tennis Club is soon upon us. If you wish to join the challenge; the main Tennisathon vs Stewart and Jake or the mini tennis family challenge - please register your interest and time slot by emailing info@sadiebristowfoundation.org.uk

Prize for the winning pair is tickets to Queens; mini tennis family prizes on the day

Coming home is the description of the day and how it will be laid out and function. If you cannot, or don't feel you can attend; watch; play etc. you can still support the foundation and its cause; aims and objectives by:

- online raffle which will also be on social media and www.sadiebristowfoundation.org.uk with prizes such as Wilson tennis racket; tennis memorabilia and an array of other gifts
- signing up to the newsletter on www.sadiebristowfoundation.org.uk to be notified when the online raffle will be open; as well as updates on the day if you're not able to attend. The newsletter also keeps you informed of what we are aiming to achieve and how the foundation is doing that
- liking the foundation on social media and sharing this, and other events/activities
- by donating, if you cannot attend, on www.sadiebristowfoundation.org.uk; or purchase a T-shirt
- informing others you may know about the event and foundation; help increase engagement and connectivity

The more involvement we get the better it is for the foundation to continue its work; the more connection we have the more support we can possibly receive to help us continue our work; to provide the programmes and continue our projected work with the NHS allergy departments.

Thank you for all your support and hope to see you on 11th October

Stewart

Achievements

As well as in school, I'm always keen to hear about the children's achievements outside of school.

Over the weekend I heard about Destiny's successes at the Colette's Dog and Horse Show the previous Sunday. She achieved four rosettes after displaying a range of horse-riding skills. Well done Destiny.

I also heard this week that Zoe in Year 6 won an art competition in the Kids National Geographic magazine with her picture of a gorilla (below) – I'm told that there were over a million entries from all around the world! I'm certainly very impressed with her artistic skills.



With best wishes,



James Tibbles

Year 6 parents – don't forget to apply for secondary schools by Monday 2nd November

Parent Tours are taking place throughout Term 2 for September 2021 entrants. Call for an appointment.

Christmas Card/Mug designs should be back in school by 21st October. Please email Jacqui with any questions.



Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Barnaby C (RAM) for using great creativity skills to make some wonderful models this week. <i>Miss Maw</i> | ☆ Mylo E (4ST) for always showing a superb work ethic and attitude to his learning. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Rory B-C (REC) for his creative skills to build a magnificent robot. <i>Miss Cowley</i> | ☆ Ellie A (4ST) for showing care and pride in her Iron Man art lesson to produce a magnificent piece of work. <i>Mrs Saunders</i> |
| ☆ Elodie C (1CS) for her fantastic observations during our woodland walk. <i>Miss S Smith</i> | ☆ Aya S (4JH) has shown great strength of character and determination in Maths this week. She never gives up and it has been lovely to see her engaging with class discussion. <i>Mr Harris</i> |
| ☆ Emerson C (1CS) for trying new activities and giving them a go. <i>Miss Harvey</i> | ☆ Isla M (5JP) for undertaking every single piece of work with excellence, care and pride. You are a role-model to your peers. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Finlay K (1LA) for his great writing of his party invitation in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Florence L (5JS) works incredibly hard and challenges herself every day. She trusts in the advice given by adults and uses that advice in order to improve. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Harry B (1LA) for excellent questioning during our village field trip on Wednesday. <i>Mr Moon</i> | ☆ Molly W (6NA) is an all-round superstar! She shows resilience and determination in every lesson and even continues her learning at home. She offers help for adults and always shows compassion towards her classmates by caring for them and returning any lost items! <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Luca J (2FP) for excellence; he is always ready to learn, setting a good example to the rest of the class. <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Will S (6MB) for creating his amazing African mask charcoal drawing. <i>Mrs C Smith</i> |
| ☆ Mollie R (2GD) for working hard in solving problems in maths independently as well as being an excellent baker when making fairy cakes! <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Saffron H (6MB) for displaying a resilient approach towards solving challenging multiplication and division problems this week. <i>Mr Beard</i> |
| ☆ Lorenzo M-J (3SA) for asking lots of interesting questions during our class trips this week and showing excellent focus on his writing in class. <i>Mr Taylor</i> | |
| ☆ Samuel H (3HA) for being an excellent example to everyone. His manners, his attitude to learning, his thoughtfulness and compassion. Well done Sam! <i>Miss Allison</i> | |
| ☆ Jack S (4ST) for showing resilience in improving his handwriting. <i>Mrs Saint</i> | |

Times Table Rock Stars: Battle of the Bands

Well done 5JS who won this week's Battle of the Bands on Times Table Rock Stars with 11,250 points! They will receive a prize on Monday. 5JP were close on their heels with 10,647 points followed by 6NA in third place with 6,228 points.

Clearly, Year 5 are leading the pack here and we also have certificates for the top three players across the school. A special mention to Noah M in 5JS (6,445 points), Ruby O in 5JP (2,661) and Milo D in 5JP (2,633).

Who will win next week?



Latest Blog Posts

Highlights from the week's selection of blog posts

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)

23rd September 2020



Reception Learn to Weave

Reception classes, enjoying the sun on the autumn equinox, learnt how to weave this week. Weaving is a great activity that helps to develop fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination and concentration.

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23rd September 2020

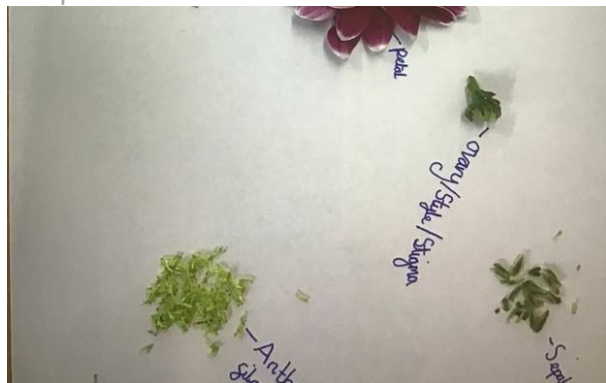


Let the Wild Rumpus Start!

Year One's topic this term is Curious Creatures. Within their classes they are reading 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. They are enjoying the wonderful story and illustrations and using them to inspire their own work.

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30th September 2020



Year 5 Science

In Year 5 this week we have been learning about All Living Things. In particular we were looking at the parts of a flower and identifying them by carefully dissecting a real flower and labelling each part.

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2nd October 2020



Iron Man

On Wednesday, pupils in Year 4 had a day of art. As a year group, they have been reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. Using the illustrations by Chris Mould as inspiration, pupils created their own mixed-media pictures.

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Upcoming Events

All dates and events can be found on our new school calendar.

CALENDAR >

You are also able to 'subscribe' to the calendar (there is a link underneath the calendar) which means that you can have the school calendar on your phone or tablet and any updates will automatically appear on your device!

Monday 5th October	9am to 11am; 2pm to 5pm: Year 6 Parent Consultations	
Tuesday 6th October	9am to 11am; 2pm to 5pm: Year 5 Parent Consultations	School Photographer in (Individuals only)
Wednesday 7th October		4pm to 7pm: Whole School Parent Consultations
Thursday 8th October	9am to 11am; 2pm to 5pm: Year R Parent Consultations	
Friday 9th October		
Monday 12th October		
Tuesday 13th October		
Wednesday 14th October		
Thursday 15th October	Kent Test (11+)	
Friday 16th October		
Monday 19th October	5JP Geography Field Trip around the village	
Tuesday 20th October	Steve Clifford visiting (Children's Author)	
Wednesday 21st October	Steve Clifford visiting (Children's Author)	5JS Geography Field Trip around the village
Thursday 22nd October	Steve Clifford visiting (Children's Author)	
Friday 23rd October (Last day of Term 1)		
Monday 2nd November	School closed	
Tuesday 3rd November	School closed	
Wednesday 4th November		
Thursday 5th November		
Friday 6th November		

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Bridge Church, 4-5pm

Saturday 4th October—Harvest

Saturday 31st October—Light in the Darkness

- 6-8 families max, socially distanced from one another in the Church in an allocated space for each family (usual guidance re social distancing, hygiene, masks etc applies)
- Craft activities/games in family groups followed by story, prayer and blessing song
- Resources for older children especially those who have just moved up to Secondary school
- BYO snack and drink if wanted

Places will be allocated on a 'first come first served basis' so please do get in touch to book your family's place. When booking please give us your full contact details and the number of people and ages of the children in your group.

Call or email Estella on 01227 206272/ estellalast@gmail.com