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 Clubs 3.15pm - 4.30pm  
 Pre-School: 8am - 4.30pm

## FRIDAY FLYER

Newsletter No. 17  
 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun is shining and we have enjoyed a wonderful start back to school after the holidays! Just before Christmas we appointed Sarah Bray to our staff team. Mrs Bray is working with us as a teaching assistant in Class 3 for the rest of the school year. Many of you will already know Sarah as a parent and she has also been a strong supporter of our MSA committee. We have been delighted to welcome her to our team, with all the skills and experience she brings.

You may remember that we originally had Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July in our calendar as an Inset Day. Just before Christmas we had to move it Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December in order to help manage the escalating Covid-19 crisis at that time. In their last meeting our Governors have voted to re-instate our training day on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, so please add it back into your calendars as a non-school day: the school will be closed and children should not attend.

Lastly, a message about communication: we set up the class email addresses for you to use if you needed to contact your child's class teacher regarding teaching and learning matters during the lockdown periods. I understand that the addresses are still useful to many of you because you cannot see your child's teacher face-to-face, but please do use them with care. Sometimes, some parents are using them to converse about non-teaching matters, and copying in many mailboxes. Furthermore, please do not use teachers' individual email addresses: these are for professional use only. As a general rule, **please use our office mailbox only to communicate unless it is a specific question about teaching and learning**, in which case the class email address can be used.

Thank you for your continuing support.

**Mr R Stead**



The school was brimming with book characters yesterday when we celebrated our very own Book Day. As you can see, the children looked amazing and there were so many different book characters from Mr Bump, Harry Potter to Alice in Wonderland. The Year 5 & 6 staff team delighted us with the full array of characters from Little Red Riding Hood. The children took part in activities during the day including a house book quiz. The winning house was Horse Chestnut—well done, bookworms! Thanks to all the children and staff for making a great effort to make our Book Day such a success.



### Diary Dates

#### Forest School Wednesdays:

28th April—Class 2  
 5th May—Class 1  
 12th May—Reception Class  
 19th May—Class 6  
 26th May—Class 5

#### Thursday 29th April

Year R and 6 only  
 Tempest Photos

#### Monday 3rd May

May Day Bank Holiday

#### Thursday 6th May

Reception Class Eye Tests

#### Half Term Break

31st May to 4th June



Pre-School

*Bodhi* for fantastic pattern work this week and trying really hard in everything.

Class R

The *whole of Class R* for their excellent listening and safe behaviour when visiting the school pond this week.

Class 1

*Nellie C* for working consistently well and putting in so much effort with all her learning this week.

Class 2

*Sidney* for his hard work and focus in Maths this week.

Class 3

*George* for being a brilliant history detective whilst investigating artefacts. What a huge amount of general knowledge you have, George—well done!

Class 4

*Harmonie* for great Maths work this week. Well done, Harmonie; you have shown a super understanding of decimals.

Class 5

*Sophie C* for her positivity and calmness when sharing ideas and answers in class.

Class 6

*Lani* for a fantastic start to the half term and contributing ideas in class. Your PSHE ideas demonstrate maturity and thoughtfulness—well done!



On Wednesday, Class 3 had Forest School. We loved playing '1,2,3...where are you' to warm us up. We had to find birds and eggs painted on squares. We had to match the bird to its eggs. We had marshmallows, which were scrumptious. We finished with hot chocolate and a game where you steal the egg (balls) from the bird nest (hoop).

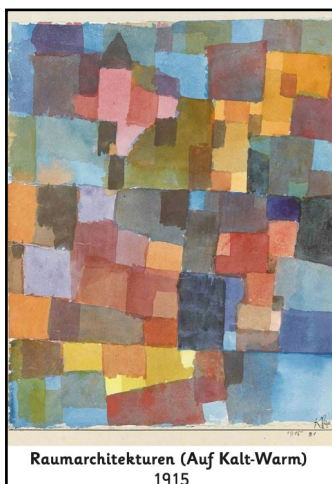
by Lewis and Darcy.



Mia, Rose, Verity and Harriet decided to set up a shop to raise money for their Smartie boxes. Rose and Harriet sold flowers and Mia and Verity made dog biscuits and cakes. They raised £17.50 altogether and made a lot of people smile!

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	230	230
Cork Oak	335	335
Blue Cedar	428	428
Horse Chestnut	348	348

**Parents' Evening** phone calls are taking place from Tuesday 4th May to Thursday 13th May. Bookings on Parentmail will be live from **9am on Monday 26th April and will remain open until midday on Friday 30th April.** Please ensure you book appointments by this time, thank you.



Class 1 have been learning about Paul Klee. They had a go at colour mixing using the three primary colours. They also learnt about tinting, where they kept adding white to a single colour so that it got paler. Finally, they used these colour mixing skills to create a wide selection of colours to paint in the style of Paul Klee, using his painting 'Raumarchitekturen' 1915 for inspiration. We

think you will agree; their paintings were great!

Mrs McDonagh





### **Co-opted Governor Vacancy – Expressions of interest welcome**

Milverton Community Primary & Pre-school currently has a vacancy for a Co-opted board member. The main requirement to be a Governor is to have a keen interest in Milverton Primary & Pre-School and a desire to help the school achieve its maximum potential. Whilst applications from all interested parties are encouraged, we also hope to add to the broad knowledge base on our board and to keep a balance between the number of parent governors and members of the community. Currently we have a high number of parents on the board. We would be particularly keen to have involvement from an individual within the local community with expertise in education or those who have previous experience of working in education. In conjunction with Somerset Local Authority, we offer induction training and governor skills training free of charge. The term of office of co-opted governors is four years, but you can resign at any time. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a governor please contact our Clerk to Governors, Helen Jessep, via the school office. Email: [office@milvertonprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@milvertonprimary.co.uk) or telephone 01823 400439 (option 2).



On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 11 students from class 5 took part in bike ability. The first morning was devoted to keeping control and learning the basic rules for the roads or lanes. We learned the practical side on the junior playground and all the signs and signals in Toasties. The group of Year 5s went down through Huntash Lane and began work on U-turns. For this, we split up into two groups to make it easier and more efficient. Once we had got the hang of U-turns we cycled back along Huntash Lane and back to school. On the second day of our training we spent the day in the village; down Rosebank Road

practising coming in and out of cross roads and putting our practise of U-turns to good use. We couldn't have done this without the help of Mrs Downs, Mrs Bray, as well as our Bikeability teachers Amy and Wendy. *by Adele & Finley B*





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