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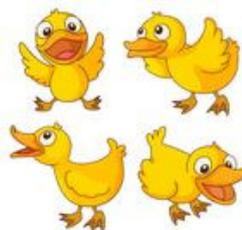
Welcome back to what looks as though it's going to be a very busy Summer Term. We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break, despite the disappointing weather.

I am now back at the Infant School full-time, and I would like to thank Mrs Thorley, Mrs Barnett and all other staff who 'stepped up' whilst I was at the Junior school for everything that they did during the Autumn and Spring terms. I am extremely grateful to them for all their additional work. I am also very pleased that we have a new Headteacher at St. Michael's Junior School, and I know that she will be inviting our Year 2 parents to meet her soon.

Post Box

A reminder that anything parents want to hand in at the school office can be left in the blue post box on the wall outside the main door as this is emptied every morning. We have lots of new parents collecting their 'packs' at the moment and we don't want existing parents to be inconvenienced by having to wait.

Ducklings



After the success of the chicks last term we have ordered duckling eggs for arrival after half term. All children will have the opportunity to watch the ducklings swim when they are just a few days old. Parents are welcome to come and see the ducklings after they have hatched.

Reminders



With the sudden onset of this warmer weather it is essential that **all children have sun hats and water bottles.** There were lots of children in school today without either. Many children seem to have forgotten to bring their PE kits back to school, and these are essential too. Please also remember that



children must not wear earrings on PE days



unless they have recently had their ears pierced. If this is the case, parents must cover their child's

ears with tape before school, as staff aren't able to do this.

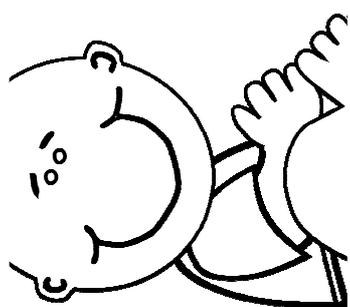
Reading Awards Assembly



The next Reading Awards assembly is next Tuesday, the 24th April, so children who have handed in their completed picture cards by the end of the school day on Friday 20th April will receive an

award. Parents of these children will receive an email by the end of the school day on Monday 23 April inviting them to the assembly. Thank you for continuing to read at home with your children; it makes such a difference.

Ducks and Toucans



Mrs Stebbing will be starting her maternity leave soon, with her last day in school being Friday

27th April. Mrs Ailsa Cable, an experienced teacher, will be taking over the class for the next 8 weeks, after which Mrs Sarah Haygarth will be returning from maternity leave and she will be able to take over. We would like to wish Mrs Stebbing all the best for her maternity leave and of course for the birth of her baby. We are all excited and can't wait to see the baby!

Important dates

These are some of our important dates for the summer term.

We still have a few extra events to finalise, and will be updating the website regularly to reflect these.

FIRST HALF TERM

Tues 24 April: 9am Reading Assembly

Mon 14 May: Class photographs

Tues 15 May: 9am Reading Assembly

Thurs 17 May: FoSM penalty shoot out

Fri 18 May: Yr 2 cake stall
(please note change of year group)

Thurs 24 May: Yr R Teddy Bears' Picnic after school

Sat 26 May – Sun 3 June: Half term

SECOND HALF TERM

Mon 4 June: First day of term

Mon 4 June: Ducklings arrive in school

Fri 15 June: FoSM Summer Event

Mon 18 June: Yr R visit to the Gordon Brown Centre

Tues 19 June: 9am Reading Assembly

Thurs 21 June: Sports Day

Wed 27 June: Yr 1 trip to Birdworld

Thurs 28 June: Alternative Sports Day

Mon 2 & Thurs 5 July: Parents' evenings

Mon 16 July: Leavers' and Movers' Disco
Yr 1: 4.15–5.30 Yr 2: 6.00–7.15

Thurs 19 July: Informal Yr 2 Hampshire Music Concert

Fri 20 July: 9.15 Leavers' Assembly

Mon 23 July: 9am Reading Assembly

Mon 23 July: Last day of term