



Newsletter



We hope you had a lovely spring holiday.

School is buzzing with learning around new themes and the children look as though they have grown several cm!

REMINDER – there are 2 **Bank Holidays** coming up in the next couple of weeks, therefore school will be closed on:

Monday 1st May

Monday 8th May

It was great to wave off the team of **Y4 Robin Wood adventurers** last Wednesday and see them safely back on Friday with lots of news and stories to tell - Well done to the children for challenging themselves and a debt of gratitude to the staff who supported them. The Y4 children who stayed in school became honorary Y5's and I am very proud of how brilliantly they rose to the challenge.



A group from Y5 are off on their **Carlton experience** after the bank holiday – building memories of school days that will stay with them.

Thanks to the generosity of our staff for supporting our **residential programme** – we could not do it without their commitment.

Reminders of things to come:

Y2 campout – 17th -18th June

Y3 youth hostel overnight – 9th – 10th June

Y6 residential experience - 20th – 23rd June

Congratulations to all the children for decorating our local **Sainsbury** store with their Easter colouring pictures. The children judged as winners in their in-store **competition** were given their tasty treats before the break – well done!

We are supporting the **local elections** next week, by using the Art Space as a polling station on Thursday 4th May. As in past years we ensure children's safety is top of our agenda by using alternative entrances/exits into the main building, additional supervision and moving playgrounds and playtimes. We will continue to lock back gates and only the main gates will be accessible by the public, who will follow arrows one way to the Art Space.

Miss Puffick will be re-joining us shortly, following her period of leave, and whilst we are very much looking forward to welcoming her back to school I want to take this opportunity to say my heartfelt THANKS to **Mrs Parkes & Mrs Willis**, who have both taken on this period of full time teaching for us, in order to maintain some continuity for our children. Not only have these dedicated and skilled staff maintained standards, they have lead improvements – I am delighted with the offer our youngest children are accessing and the progress they are making. I am also excited to be able to share that as part of the Trust's improvements programme that we will be having a **refurbishment of the Early Years** areas, both inside and out, over the summer. We will invite you in to see the setting in the new academic year.

It is that time of year again when children across school are part of the governments **statutory assessment tests** (SAT's). It is crucial that over this period we are punctual at the start of the day, so that we can prepare the children well – Y6 parents will be aware of the offer of a special breakfast club for SAT's week.

Our thoughts are turning to the **new academic year** and as usual this is the opportunity for you to contact me if you have anything you wish to discuss prior to me finalising class lists etc. I urge you to do this over the next couple of weeks; as making changes after our plans are well underway is not always possible. Thank you.

Parking continues to be a headache and potential risk to our school community. Last week the coach coming into school to collect the children for the school trip was impeded by a large number of cars parked at the front of school and all around the turning circle. At the other entrances our long suffering neighbours continue to face unacceptable behaviour from a small minority of parents. Thank you to the people who continue to support us and address issues directly with those who are not compliant or thoughtful around this issue. We will continue to seek solutions and involve the local authority.

Thank you again for thinking of us when you are having a tidy out, or when you see exciting resources 'going free' in the local area. All year groups have benefitted from your thoughtfulness and generosity in recent times. Thank you.

Congratulations to the **Y5 football team** who represented the school in a competition on Friday. Their enthusiasm (and skill) was appreciated and their 3rd place finish was extremely impressive – Well Done!



Please make sure you have the **1st July** in your diary for **Festival on the Field.**

Bring your friends and family for a great family event – much more detail to follow! If you feel able to support for a short time on the day please contact the dedicated team at FoYPS, who will be very pleased to hear from you.

We have been asked about the date for this year's **Sports day**. Following on from the success of last year's organisation we plan to replicate it by holding 2 events in phases:

- Wednesday 28th June – KS1 & KS2 groups – from 1.30pm
- Thursday 29th June – Nursery & Reception – from 2.00pm

We are having an **internal fence** fitted, which will mean we can then remove the electronic aspects of the main gates – as you may be aware, these gates have been problematic since their installation and have cost us a significant amount in repair costs. The new fence should make things safer, easier and cheaper to maintain. Please bear with us during the installation. Thank you.

Weather permitting, we aim to hold a **Coronation picnic** on Friday 5th May (Y5 will still be having their time at Carlton but may be back in time to join us). Children who have a packed lunch should continue as usual, and children who have school dinner will have a packed lunch prepared for them. Children in upper school have prepared some portraits of the new King, & our youngest children have made some coronation bunting, which will be used in celebratory events in the community – see details [→](#) we will also display some in a Coronation gallery in school - **well done wonderful artists.**

For your information –Tempest photography will be in school for the class/group photographs on Thursday 25th May

We hope you enjoy having some extra family time.
Mrs Wood.

