Head’s message

Wow we have had a real heads down uninterrupted week! Year 6 are working extremely hard towards their end of primary school assessments, now only two weeks away, and year 2 are also beavering away towards their end of Keystage 1 assessments. I have spent time in classes this week and it is a pleasure to see lots of progress being made and children enjoying their learning. Also as a by product of showing prospective Deputy Headteachers and Teachers around, we have received many favourable and complementary feedback on the how well the children are engaged with learning. We successfully appointed a replacement for Mrs Sally Reay this week and I am delighted to introduce Mr Mark Davis, a sports specialist teacher who will join us from September. Mark, who currently works for Marling and Stroud College has undertaken a lot of outreach development work for local primary schools and comes with an exemplary track record. He will continue to develop the sporting, keeping fit and healthy approach in school and will also take over my role as Special Needs coordinator. We look forward to Mark joining us.

Clubs have started this week and children have enjoyed being in the sun. We are hoping to move the swimming gala and sports day to the last week of this half term to celebrate with Sally Reay before she leaves – watch this space.

A big thank you to Millie Judson for her contribution to our Christian Value of Friendship. Enjoy the wise words...

DIARY DATES

APRIL
27th 11am Drum Lessons
28th 12.45pm Piano Lessons
29th Y1 Swimming Lessons
30th Able Writers at Gastells
   Deadline for Parents/Carers to respond to their choice of primary school for their children

MAY
4th Bank Holiday
5th Last Day to Receive Sainbury Vouchers
11th-15th Y2&Y6 SATSweek
12th 1-3pm Y3/4/5 Quad Kids
13th 3-6pm KS2 Archery
19th Y5/6 1-3pm Orienteering
20th Possible date for Swimming Gala
21st Y5/6 Penecost Experience at St George’s
22nd KS2 am KS1 pm
28th 10-4 Drama Rehearsal

JUNE
1st INSET DAY
2nd First Day of Term 6

VALUES

Our Christian Values this term will focus on Friendship

Treat others the way you want to be treated.
Be a friend everywhere you go, not just when you are at school.
If you want help, be helpful, if you want people to be kind and caring towards you, be kind and caring, if you want a friend, be a FRIEND!!!!!!!
STARS OF THE WEEK

Rec Class
We have been changing the Bear Hunt Story into a Dinosaur Hunt. We have been learning to write sentences using adjectives. Remember “Sharing is Caring!”
By Emily Gosbell and Ellie Earley

Y1 Class
We have been learning about writing questions. ‘We want Jack to read our questions about how to plant a beanstalk’. We went on a plant hunt outside to find daisies, dandelions, buttercups, evergreen trees and deciduous trees.
By Rizvee Ahned, Owen Christie and Daisy Judson

Y2 Class
This week we have enjoyed learning how to write a character study. We did it on Mr Southcott! In Numeracy we have been learning to choose the best strategy when adding and taking away. We have also been problem solving and measuring. It was nice to get out in the sunshine! In Science we have been learning about the features that make something alive. We loved looking for bugs outside!
By Grace Parmenter and Munal Noor

Y3 Class
We have been learning how to write recounts in Literacy and in Numeracy we have been doing elapsed time. We have also been learning how to play the recorder. In Science we have had a test about plants.
By Ollie Christie and Nevaya Ostle

Y4 Class
In Literacy we have been doing instructions. Also in Numeracy we have been learning to round. We have been doing Tennis and Athletics in PE.
By Grace Tapp and Liam Miles

Y5 Class
This week we have written some biographies and started looking at autobiographies. We have been working hard in Numeracy by adding and subtracting decimals as well as learning about measurements. We’ve also been looking at Geography and learning about Atlases and compasses.
By Ashley Jones and Lizzie Dutton

Y6 Class
In Literacy we have been writing biographies about Miss Child. In Numeracy we have been converting fractions and percentages. In Science we have been making scientific posters about keeping healthy.
By Will Smart and Josh Cowley

PTFA News

SAVE THE DATE for the SUMMER FETE!
Our summer fete is on Saturday 20th June from 12 - 3pm. It’s an Animal Fayre theme, with dog show, pets corner and pony rides. If you want to get involved, come to our next meeting on Wednesday 22nd April from 5:45 - 7pm at the Britannia Inn, or contact Maggie Dutton on 07901 515 545.

SPRING PLANT SALE
It’ll soon be time to get planting! Get some bargains at our Spring Plant Sale on Friday 1st May, straight after school.
Visit our friends at South Cerney Outdoor this coming May Bank Holiday Monday 4th May for a great day out for the whole family. They have a range of water sports to try for all ages and half day tickets are only £10.

Activities available include:
- Fun Boat Sailing
- Kayaks
- Stand Up Paddling
- Sailing Trips on the Lake
- SUP Races
- Power Boat Rides*
- Canoe Tours
- Archery*

*Additional to £10 admission

This is the third year that South Cerney Outdoor have run this event and it has been hugely popular and sold out for the last two years.

Visit the website at http://www.southcerneyoutdoor.co.uk/specialevents

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**SWINDON TOWN vs LEYTON ORIENT**

An exclusive “Kids Go FREE” ticket offer for Primary School Children!

Swindon Town vs Leyton Orient
on Sunday 3rd May 2015 Kick Off at 12:15pm

Adults will be entitled to **REDUCED RATE tickets, priced at £20 (usual price £25)** as long as they are accompanied by at least one child (**FREE – usual price £12**),

Over 65’s will be priced at £15

**REDUCED RATES FOR ADULTS AND KIDS GO FREE AT SWINDON TOWN FC!**

If you would like tickets please contact Vikki Grace Tel: 01793 342342 by Monday 27th April 2015

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**GLOUCESTERSHIRE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Gloucestershire Symphony Orchestra are holding a Children’s Concert at Stroud Subscription Rooms, on Sunday 17th May at 3pm. The concert is aimed at young children and will include an opportunity for children to take an active part in the performance.

If you would like tickets or any other information then please contact Viv Hargreaves (Chair of GSO) on 07740 448262 or email her at vivhargreaves@yahoo.com
**Times and Prices**

Breakfast Club  -  7.40am to 8.40am  -  £2.00 per day  
After School 1st Session  -  3.15pm to 4.15pm  -  £3.00 per day  
After School 2nd Session  -  4.15pm to 5.45pm  -  £4.50 per day  

Please note that if you use the 2nd After School Session, the 1st Session must be paid for too.

New Registration Forms for Summer Term are now available online, from the school office or from Jigsaur staff.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE 2nd AFTER SCHOOL SESSION ENDS AT 5.45pm PROMPT (a charge will be made for persistent lateness)

**Themes at Jigsaur each week:**
- **MONDAY**  -  CRAFTS  
- **TUESDAY**  -  ART  
- **WEDNESDAY**  -  PHYSICAL PLAY  
- **THURSDAY**  -  FUN & GAMES  
- **FRIDAY**  -  BOARD GAMES

Parents, did you know that you can receive childcare vouchers of up to £55 per week from your employer, depending on your earnings?

Jigsaur Breakfast & After School Club accept childcare vouchers. For further information see the websites listed below, or just Google “Childcare Vouchers”:

- www.kiddivouchers.com  
- www.childcarevouchers.co.uk  
- www.hmrc.gov.uk/calcs/ccin.htm

**We are registered with kiddivouchers—Quote our Ofsted No 115637 to your employer.**

**Pupil Premium Funding**

Families who receive Pupil Premium funding can use it towards:

- **KS1 Drama**  
- **KS1 Multisports**  
- **Swimming**  
- **Jigsaur After School club until 4.15pm**  
- **Music Lessons**  
- **Class Trips**  
- **Dance for Y1, Y2 & Y3**  
- **Jigsaur Breakfast Club**  
- **Martial Arts**  

More information from the school office.