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24th March, 2016

Happy Easter!.....We have just returned to school following the Easter Service. These occasions are always special as we celebrate what it means to be together as part of this loving school community, and today lived up to all expectations with Philip giving us lots to smile about. As the children left, Philip and I were chatting how impressive it is the way our children can maintain a reflective silence one moment and then sing the roof off the next. A wonderful way to lead into the Easter weekend.

School Meals... Since 2010, the cost of Key Stage 2 school meals has remained at £2.00 with increases being absorbed by Banes. Unfortunately, this is no longer possible and we have been informed that as from April 1st, the cost for each meal will increase to £2.40. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, or if you are eligible for free school meals this increase *will not* affect you.

Love, Courage, Creativity and Joy... As you know, we have four 'bonus' days next week between Easter weekend and our Easter holiday and on each of those days the children will be exploring one of our Core Values through various activities. It will be culminating on Friday with our Joy day - a day based around the joy of play and togetherness, with lots of free play activities set up around the school grounds for the children to explore and enjoy. An indoor Plan B will *only* kick in if the weather is *appallingly* bad, so please can you ensure your child comes to school with a waterproof coat and mud-friendly footwear - appropriately dressed for a day playing in the great outdoors. I for one cannot wait.

Have a wonderful Easter, Andy Bowman

Library closing dates for holiday.....The library will only be open next week after school on Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st March as staff will be having a spring clean.

Happy reading and thank you if you have returned your overdue books.

Clubs....Just a reminder that as **Friday 29th April** is an inset day, we are putting on an extra session of Friday clubs on Friday 22nd April in lieu of this.

As we also have an inset day on **Friday 27th May**, the Friday clubs will be making up this time during their other sessions, so please remember to check the club timetables carefully each week so that you are aware of the amended times. **Please note this will only affect Friday clubs.**

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Graham.

Inset Days.... We have 2 remaining inset days this year on Friday 29th April and Friday 27th May.

Date correction....You may have noticed in last week's newsletter under the 'Clubs' section, that we incorrectly put the May Inset Date as 22nd. Please note 22nd May is **NOT** an inset day - it is **FRIDAY 27th MAY**.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Contact telephone numbers.....If any of your contact numbers have changed, please remember to notify the office so that we can make sure our records are up to date. This is especially important if your child is unwell and we need to get hold of you quickly.

Lost property display....TODAY! Don't forget to pop along to the hall from 3pm today to look at the lost property and see if there is anything that belongs to your child.



Sports News.....Our Year 5 U10 Netball team participated in a Netball Festival at The Royal High School last Wednesday. This was their first competition and they played extremely well. Annie Rosedale was outstanding as Centre and Florence Morcom's shooting improved considerably as the afternoon went on. They won 2 games, drew 1 and lost 1. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

Jenny Newman PE Co-ordinator

Term dates reminder.....

Coming up in March

24th – Lost property Amnesty Event 3pm
25th-28th – Easter Weekend (school closed
Friday & Monday)

30th and 31st Parent Consultations

Coming up in April.....

1st – End of Term 4
2nd-17th – School Holidays
18th - Beginning of Term 5
22nd - 25th - Year 4 Residential Visit to New Barn
29th – Inset Day – School closed for pupils

30th – Waitrose Bag Pack (PTA)

May

2nd – May Day Bank holiday
9th - 13th SAT week
12th – Reception visit to Charlcombe Church
17th- Y6 to Life Skills
20th – Discos (PTA)
27th – Inset day – School closed for pupil
End of Term 5

June

6th June - Beginning of term 6
13th-17th – Phonic Check Week
24th – Summer Festival (PTA)

July

7th, 8th & 9th - Musical
11th – YR Sports 1.45pm
12th – Y1/Y2 Sports 1.45pm
14th – Y3/Y4 Sports 1.45pm
15th – Y5/Y6 Sports 1.45pm
13th – Open Evening – 4-5pm
15th Reports home
19th – Y6 Tea Party 1.45pm
20th – Y6 Disco 6:30 - 8pm
21st - Leaver's Service at the Church 9.45am
21st – Last day of Term 6

Please note dates in bold type are new additions to the list

Year 4 residential trip to Newbarn.....The balance for this visit needs to be paid in full by Friday 1st April. Please use ParentPay to make any outstanding payments. Thank you.

PTA News.....Here are some dates for your diary and a few 'coming soon' events!

Sat April 30th - Waitrose Bag Pack - older children (year 4 and over) and parents needed

Friday May 20th - DISCO - Phase 1 (3.30pm)
Phase II (5pm) - in the hall - this one's for the children, does anyone know a great mobile disco we can book?

End of May - Seedling/Plant Sale - please plant your seeds now so that they will be ready!

Friday June 24th - Summer Festival (like last year), ideas for music/bands/activities very welcome!

Coming Soon!

Community Soup Lunch - delicious soup and a cake at St Stephen's Church Centre, children to entertain
Mums' Night Out with a stand- up comedian (in the hall with bar and nibbles)
Have a very Happy Easter and thanks for your support. Angela

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