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What a lovely way to end the term! The school has been awash with colour today with the children dressing in the colours of African nations to raise money for Atse Bekafa, our link school in Ethiopia. We have even had sunshine to add to the atmosphere! Thank you again for your support with this.

After School Club... As previously announced, we will be opening an after school club in September. We will be sending out more details, including how to book a place, immediately after half term. In the meantime, we have several exciting opportunities ahead as we put together a team of people who will bring the vision to life and become an important part of our school family. So, if you would be interested in running the club, working at it, or just finding out more, please do get in touch.

D.I.S.C.O... Last Friday was Disco night and it is fair to say it was D - Dancelicious, it was I - Inviting, it was S - supervised brilliantly, it was C - carefully planned, it was ooOooo.... It takes a great deal of organisation to run such an event so smoothly and I'm very grateful to Angela and the team who made the evening such a success, to all of the parents who helped supervise, set up and clear away and to Ms Flynn who was on hand to provide dance advice. Thank you!

Gardening... You may have noticed lots of new plants popping up around the school recently. We are very lucky in school to have Mrs Gilbert who spends a great deal of time tending to the many flower beds we have around the place. It makes such a difference to have this colour around. We are also very grateful to Alice Rees, who in the last week or so has, with a little help from some of the children, planted up the wooden planters on the courtyard playground. These plants were paid for by the PTA and look fantastic. Thank you Alice! Alice has also been leading our involvement in the National Rocket Seeds experiment. The results from our plants, currently growing in Class 12, will become part of a national study in the coming weeks. This is a really exciting scientific project for the children to be a part of.

Inset Day... One final reminder that tomorrow (27th May) school will be closed for an Inset day. In school, we have been looking at how we plan Maths, and have significantly changed our approach through this year. Tomorrow we will be discussing ways to develop how we plan English lessons, and also getting to grips with a new end of year report format that will be coming home to you next term.

And with that, Term 6 is nearly upon us! Have a lovely holiday.
Andy Bowman

Sports News.....BANES Girls' Cricket Champions

Our A & B girls' cricket teams competed in the BANES Championship this week and after six games, our A Team captained by Ruby Henderson were presented with the title! (For the third year running). The controlled and disciplined bowling reduced the runs scored against them and Mia Spearman Armistead and Mia Falzoni gave a masterclass in batting. The girls will now go on to the County Finals next month. The B Team put in a really encouraging performance and did get to the quarter final stages. Thank you to all the parents who came to support us – even though it was a little chilly! Special thanks to Mr Hutcheson who delivered the trophy so we could take it back to school again!

Football Club.... Tuesday and Friday Football clubs are moving venue to just over the wall at Kingswood, this is due to wild flowers growing in the field used at the moment. Drop off and pick up remains the same.
Ms Flood

Dinner Money.... Please see figures below due next term. Please make your payment by ParentPay.
Term 6 - £81.60
June - £45.00
July - £36.00
If your child has any credits please deduct them from the above total.
If your child is attending a trip in Term 6 please deduct



PTA NEWS.....Plant and sweet treats sale – TODAY!

Join us after school, on the green, for the plant sale (please bring your plant/seedling donations) featuring yummy treats such as lollies and biscuits. Also on sale the exclusive St Stephen's Golden Three cotton bags.

DISCO-tastic.....It was great to see so many children and adults at the discos, what a night we had! Massive thanks to Lucy Cory, Sarah Brooks and Ruby Hazael for all their excellent organisational skills. Huge thanks also to Stu Cory for highly professional door bouncing duties, to our cook-in-charge Rachael and all our wonderful parent and children helpers who ran stalls. Thanks to the fab DJ's at DJ Kool Kids for the top entertainment. Total raised - £930.39 which is, actually, disco-tastic.

Mums' Night Out – with comedian Harriet Beveridge – Thursday 30 June - 8pm

Grab some girlfriends, and come along to a fabulous night of stand-up comedy in the school hall. Harriet is a Bath-based Mum who performed at the Edinburgh Fringe last year to rave reviews. In her new show Harriet says ' Hello from the other side of 40.' Tickets £7 to include a drink, contact Marianne at mariannehogg@hotmail.com

Could you be the next PTA Chair?.....

This glamorous and important role could soon be yours (from July). If you like organising fun events and spinning the odd plate please contact me for further information. Must love adults, children and humping boxes of stuff. Huge benefits including your own key to the PTA cupboard and discretionary wine bonus. Seriously, it is a lot of fun; a lot of organisation, and a huge privilege.

Have a great holiday, and thanks for your support. Angela

From Revd Philip.....Happy Half Term! Hope you have a wonderful time, whatever you're doing.

In Collective Worship on Monday Revd Debbie told us all about a trip she and her husband, Will, are taking next month. They're off to Lusaka, Zambia, and one of the places they'll spend some time is St Mathias' School. Her daughter worked there a couple of years ago, and her youngest daughter is there now.

The school is for children whose parents have died from AIDS/HIV, which is still devastating the country. A local priest, Fr Jackson, has made the school out of an old shell of a building, and has done so much for so many orphans. Debbie showed some slides of the school, and the conditions in which they work. Two of the things they urgently need are pens/pencils and clothes. Debbie has booked in two suitcases with the intention of filling them.

With Mr Bowman's agreement, we have asked if children might bring in one pen/pencil and an item of clothing that is no longer needed during the week after half term. It won't matter too much if not everyone remembers, but even if a third of school does it'll fill the suitcases and make a huge difference to the lives of the children there.

I do hope you'll be able to help. Debbie will bring back some pictures and we'll put them on the website.

Thank you so much.

All blessings, Philip

Term dates reminder.....

27th – Inset day – School closed for pupil

End of Term 5

Coming up in June.....

6th - Beginning of term 6

13th-17th – Phonic Check Week

21st – Year 3 trip to The Roman Baths

24th – F1 trip to Warleigh Lodge Farm

(F2 Farm visit is on 1st July)

24th – PTA Summer Festival

30th – Mum's night out (PTA) 8pm

