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7th April, 2017

Happy Easter!

I have just returned from our visit to the Church for the Easter Service where Reverend Philip and Reverend Debbie led us with their usual combination of humour, thought and reflection, but with a very unusual twist (ask your children!). Their message was about creating good from waste and it was in order to launch an Easter fundraiser in support of the brilliant charity Send A Cow. Please see the attached note from Philip and Debbie about the fundraiser and how you and your children can help us support it. This morning was a really special end to term – glorious sunshine, a warm welcome in church and lots to be thankful for. Thank you for coming if you came, thank you to Reverends Philip and Debbie for leading such an entertaining and thought-provoking service, and to the children who were the happy, enthusiastic stars we know and love.

Newbarn... On Monday we welcomed our Year 4 adventurers back from their visit to Newbarn in Dorset where they had spent an action-packed weekend playing (lots), visiting the beach, making butter, pond-dipping, seeing a red squirrel, sleeping (a bit), singing and visiting a Celtic settlement amongst other things. They returned home tired and grubby but happy, after a brilliant weekend having made memories for life. I was also delighted to see the staff return home safe and sound (it's always nice when that happens), a little tired, absolutely *not* grubby, and also very happy having had a really enjoyable weekend thanks to the impeccable behaviour and all round loveliness of the children. Nevertheless, staffing a school residential is hard work and so I would like to thank Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Scott, Ms Swift, Mrs Forder, Mrs Gunning and Mr Preedy for their commitment and energy and of course the one and only Ms Flynn for planning and leading the visit so brilliantly.

It's been a great term in school. I hope you have a lovely break and a Happy Easter. Andy Bowman

Starting next term....

EXTREME reading

Clubs....Clubs start again on **Tuesday, May 2nd**. The timetable will be attached to the next newsletter. Please remember that there will be **no clubs** during the first week of term.
Have a lovely Easter.

PTA Second hand uniform sale....The PTA will be holding a second hand uniform sale on **Friday 28th April** at 3.20pm in the hall.
We look forward to seeing you

Class photos..... Please return your order and payment to school by **Wednesday 26th April**. After this date you will need to send your order direct to Tempest and pay an additional postage and packing charge.
We are really pleased with how well the photos have come out and they're available for a closer look on the corridor wall outside Classes 1 and 2.

Love Courage Creativity Joy



Spotters Easter Camp... will be running on 20th April at Beechen Cliff School for hockey players between the ages of 7 and 15 years. The camp provides high quality, fun and enjoyable coaching with skilled based sessions designed to improve your child's hockey skills, whatever their ability. The camp utilises proven, research based techniques and treats your child as an individual, increasing their knowledge of hockey and boosting game awareness. These camps are normally very popular and there are limited spaces on this occasion, so please book early to secure a place for your child. For more details or to book your child's place please email spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk

Swainswick Explorers... offer holiday and weekend opportunities for children and young people to get out and about in the great outdoors as well as learn new crafts and skills, all with experienced childcare practitioners and professionals. **Explorer days and 'At Home' days are for children aged 4 (reception) - 14yrs. £40 per person including food. Extra hours are £6 per hour. We are Ofsted registered and you can pay with childcare vouchers if relevant. We are based in Upper Swainswick, 2 miles north of Bath. You can find more information on our website. www.playingoutdoors.org**

Easter Holiday Events Week 1

Monday 10th Explorer Day, additional hours 9am - 4.30pm

Tuesday 11th Explorer Day, additional hours 9am - 4.30pm

Wednesday 12th 'At Home' Day, additional hours 9am - 4.30pm

Thursday 13th Explorer Day , additional hours 9am - 4.30pm

Week 2

Tuesday 18th April, 10am - 4pm Explorer Day, additional hours 9am - 4.30pm

Wednesday 19th April, 10am - 4pm 'At Home' Day, additional hours 8am - 6pm

Thursday 20th April, 10am - 4pm 'At Home' Day, additional hours 8am - 6pm

Friday 21st April, 10am - 4pm Explorer Day, additional hours 8am - 6pm

Wednesday 19th April - Friday 21st April, Camping and walking trip in Wales, 14-16 year olds.

For upcoming events & descriptions of what we've done see:

<http://swainswickexplorers.blogspot.co.uk/>

View our outstanding OFSTED report: www.playingoutdoors.org

Bath Race for Life 5k and 10k Sunday 11th June at Royal Victoria Park, Bath.

Bath Pretty Muddy Sunday 3rd September at Bath Racecourse.

Race for Life brings millions of women together to support our life-saving research. Just by signing up you'll make a difference and whether you raise £10 or £200, every penny matters. So which event is for you?

A 5k is great for all ages. Run, jog or walk the only thing that matters is that you're part of it. Want to push yourself further? Join a 10k.

Or take on Pretty Muddy, an obstacle course that sees women of all abilities crawl through tunnels, bounce on space hoppers and slip down mudslides.

Whichever event you choose and whether you do it in a tutu or just an old pink t-shirt, THIS IS BEATING CANCER.

Sign up right now at www.raceforlife.org .

Diary dates reminder.....

Coming up in April.....

7th – End of Term 4

24th – Term 5 begins

28th April – Second hand uniform sale

Coming up in May.....

1st- May Day Bank holiday

8th -12th – Year 6 SATs week

24th-Walk to School Breakfast

26th -End of term 5

***Items in bold print are new to the list**

Mathletics.... is still going strong and there are certificate winners in Year 4 even though they were away to New Barn! Plus another Gold winner! Well done Annabelle Yacoubian! EGGtraordinary efforts! Keep it up over the Easter holidays!

Zoe Jenkins

Kitty Askew

Peony Mitchell (Silver!)

Harrison Woods

Sofia Baxter

Sophie Gittens

Emily Willis

George Willis

Eva Blanchard (Silver!)

Charlotte Willis

Florence Rhodes

Becky Baxter (Silver + Bronze)

Sophia Castro-Harrington

Izabella Lee

Annabelle Yacoubian (Gold!)

Emmanuel Cox

Seb Day

Jasper Gittens (Silver!)

Roxanne Silvester

Lily Williams

Ka-El Worrel Petteford

Lynden Bradley-Cong (Silver + Bronze)

Ana Champion

Rufus Doherty

Kitty Peters (Silver + Bronze!)

Babafemi Taiwo

Fraser Young

Milo Young

Jakob Zanutto

Newsletter attachments.....

Please see attachments for a Term 4 update from Kate Seeley and a message from Reverend Philip.

Happy Easter!

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