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Happy Friday!

Congratulations Mr Collins... Our brilliant Office Manager Mr Collins recently got married and I know you will join me in wishing him and his husband Tom lots of love for a happy and healthy life together. Mr Collins will be taking Tom's surname and so it's goodbye Mr Collins, hello Mr de Albuquerque!

Thank you Mrs Seeley... At the end of this term, Kate Seeley will be stepping down as chair of governors having been a governor for almost 5 years (although she had already been a governor here many years ago). I just wanted to formally thank Kate, on behalf of everyone in school, for the work she has done over these last few years. She has been relentlessly committed to our school, working many hours on our behalf and always with such care for the children and staff. She has been the chairperson through a period of great change in the broader educational landscape and her clarity of thought and attention to detail have been invaluable as we navigated our way through the reduction in Local Authority capacity and the resulting move to becoming an academy.

Kate has been a pleasure to work with and along the way we have shared lots of laughs alongside the more challenging moments. I am looking forward to seeing her around school wearing her grandmother hat and enjoying some well-deserved rest and relaxation. Thank you Kate, on behalf of us all.

Drum Kit... A long time ago, we were kindly donated a drum kit by a family who were looking to get rid of theirs. It has since seen a LOT of action due to the surge in popularity of drum lessons with Jordan and it is now in need of retirement! We are on the look-out for a replacement so if you, or anyone you know, have a kit gathering dust that is longing to be played again by eager children, I would love to hear from you.

County Cricket... Well done to our Year 6 girls who took part in the Regional Finals on Tuesday, which include teams from across the south west. The girls played well, with a couple of early wins, and although it wasn't quite enough to progress to the knockout stage, Mr Preedy was incredibly proud of the way they played together, supported each other and represented the school. They were an absolute credit to all of us – very well done girls!

Musical Magic... We are looking ahead to the second night of the musical, called '2019 A Space Oddity'. If you came last night I really hope you enjoyed it. The children were amazing – dancing, singing and acting their hearts out. It really is incredible that it comes together in just a few days of rehearsal time which says a great deal about the children's enthusiasm and commitment, but also reflects the skill, patience and energy of the members of staff, parents and ex-pupils who make it happen. Ms Flynn, Mrs Presland and Miss Maddaford are at the heart of a huge team of people (unfortunately far too many to name here) who together create a really unique experience for the children which, as we know from the ex-pupils who come back to help, they will never forget. Thank you so much to everyone involved.

Have a fantastic weekend, Andy Bowman

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



Clubs...
Just a reminder that there will be NO After School Clubs at all next week (except for After School Care Club of course!)

Reception 2020 Open Day visits...

We would like to invite prospective parents & carers to visit on one of the following dates:-

Thursday 19th September
Thursday 17th October
Friday 15th November
Tuesday 7th January

(All visits are from 9.45 – 11a.m)

Please share this information with friends or family who have children due to start Reception in September 2020.
If they would like to book a visit, please ask them to contact the office.

Diary dates...

Coming up in July...
11th 12th and 13th - Musical
12th - Reports home
17th - Y6 Disco 6:30 - 8pm
18th - Y6 Tea Party 1.45pm
19th – Leavers’ Service in Church 9.45am
19th - Children finish school
22nd and 23rd – Inset Days

Coming up in September...
2nd & 3rd – Inset Days
4th – First day for the children

SECOND HAND UNIFORM... Thank you to everyone who helped set up and came and rummaged on Friday at the second hand uniform giveaway sale. We raised an amazing £420. We do have stock left and will do a few specific sales at the start of term but let us know if you missed it and want anything in particular for next term.
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Dear Parents, we hope you are looking forward to the Summer holidays. We would like to inform you of a **5-day Technology Club** we are running on **Monday 29th July 2019 – Friday 2nd August 2019** at St Saviour’s C of E Junior School, BA1 6TG **from 9am to 3pm** each day.

This Summer, treat your little inventors to an unforgettable tech experience including learning to program VEX robots, modifying madness with Minecraft and even creating their own Hovercraft Drone! These camps are designed to help children acquire in-demand skills from a young age, preparing them for the future jobs market.

Whichever activity day you choose, it’s the perfect place for them to push their coding skills further and they are bound to be left with a whole host of fun-filled camp memories.

For a full list of activities and more information please see flyer attached. Spaces are limited and work on a first come first serve basis.

To check availability or to enrol simply [click here](#)

Kind regards,
Next Thing Education Camps