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Thursday 13th July

School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come towards the end of this academic year and begin to look forward to the summer holidays it is a time to reflect back on what has been a very successful year for the school.

I am very proud of our school community as all staff have yet again given so much to your children this year. The children too have tried really hard with their learning and there are too many success stories to document in just one newsletter. Can I personally thank you for all the additional support you have provided for your children as it is a partnership between home and school. We might not get it right every time, but we are willing to listen and we are always looking at ways to further improve the experiences for all.

We are already putting the preparations for the next academic year into place and by September we will all be recharged and excited about the new school year. I hope to see you at the School Fete on Saturday, but if I don't can I wish you all a lovely summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Askew

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

In September all after school clubs will need to be paid for on-line. Premier Sport clubs will be paid for using their on-line payment system. All school clubs will need to be paid for using Agora. Dance club can still be paid for using cash/cheque direct to Kirsty on a Friday in the usual way. If you need a new reference number please contact the school office.

SPORTS DAY

Thank you to everyone that attended our sports day and stayed for the Cultural picnic afterwards. The parent and toddler races were very well attended! We rose well over £100 towards PTFA funds.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Miss James will be running monthly coffee mornings next year for parents to come together and socialise with each other. We are hoping to include themed events and shopping. The first morning will be for **Macmillan** on **Friday 29th September**. If you currently own, or know anyone that runs, a business that could benefit from this opportunity, such as Avon, Osborne Books, Phoenix Cards or anything similar please let Miss James know.

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Please make sure that you notify the office if you change your mobile number or email address.

SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Just to let you know that from September all school meals will increase to £2.30. This is a price increase from Cambridge Catering Services.

PARENTMAIL

If you are not receiving parentmail but would like to sign up, please contact the office.

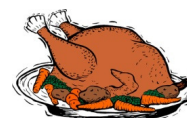
Term Dates 2016 - 2017

SUMMER TERM 2017

End of Term
Friday 21st July

SCHOOL TIMINGS

Just to remind everyone that school starts at 9.05am and finishes at 3.25pm. We aim to take the register in class at 9.10am in order to make a prompt start to the school day. If you arrive at the school gate for 9.10am in most cases, and for safeguarding reasons as classes have left the playground you will need to use the school office entrance. If you are going to be late please contact us.



MEAL COSTS

Years 3 - 6

£2.25 per day

£11.25 per week

£67.75 per half term

Please pay via Agora – any questions, do speak to the office.

From September: £2.30 per day

PENGUINS

We had a fantastic time at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park pond dipping, den building and making sculptures using natural resources. Our project this half term has been water. In science we have been looking at how different materials sink, float or change state. We have also been looking at adventure stories about mermaids and seahorses.

PEACOCKS

Our trip to Shepreth was very exciting. One of our favourite parts was holding hissing cockroaches, stick insects and corn snakes. We have been sketching these animals in class. As part of our animal topic we have also been exploring more about what they eat and whether they are carnivore, herbivore or omnivore.

TOUCANS

Toucans had a lovely trip to Ely Cathedral yesterday where they learned a lot about the history of the building. We have also been working on a topic about Beatrix Potter which the children have really enjoyed. Class transition went well and we are looking forward to next year.

NIGHTINGALES

Nightingales have been learning to swim in the pool and have really enjoyed our sessions in there. One of our favourite topics this half term has been writing hilarious poems entitled 'Dear Mum' about us making a mess at home. We have also been making circuits and exploring the water cycle.

ROBINS

For Science Day Robins made water propelled rockets, we had great fun pumping water through the plastic bottles. We have also been making lots of treats to sell at the Year 5/6 production. During our art session with Georgie Howling from the Perse we made mobiles out of gold plates of metal. All of the artwork that has been created is for the Fen Ditton 800 and will be displayed as part of the celebrations.

EAGLES

We all had a great time at Sartorius Stedim. We had to build a machine which formed part of an experiment that we carried out during the day. We also had a go on CAD (Computer Aided Design). Eagles have been enjoying Forest School where we have been learning to tend our own fires. We dissected hearts during science day. The first performance of Pirates of the Curry Bean went very well and we are looking forward to the final performance tonight. Our rearranged trip punting is tomorrow. Don't forget to be in the playground at 8.30am. We are looking forward to having a fantastic time celebrating the end of the year.



Thursday 13 th July	Eagles & Robins Show 2 6.30pm
Saturday 15 th July	PTFA Fayre 11am – 1.30pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Lunch
Thursday 21 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.20am
Monday 4 th September	Training Day 1
Tuesday 5 th September	Autumn Term Starts

We wish you all a very happy summer holiday and the very best of luck to year 6 starting year 7!

See you all on 5th September!

PTFA NEWS

**This Saturday 15th July,
Summer fete 11am - 1.30pm**



SWIMMING LESSON TIMETABLE

Please see below the timetabled days for each class to swim. Swimming will start as soon as we come back.

Penguins	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Peacocks	Monday, Thursday and Friday
Toucans	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Nightingales	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Robins	Monday, Thursday and Friday
Eagles	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Attendance Award



Huge congratulations to Nightingales who won last week's attendance award with a very impressive total of 100%.

CLASS ATTENDANCE LEAGUE 2016 2017

Class	Attendance Figure	Grade
1 st : Peacocks	96%	Above National Average
1 st : Toucans	96%	Above National Average
1 st : Nightingales	96%	Above National Average
1 st : Robins	96%	Above National Average
2 nd : Eagles	95%	Below National Average
3 rd : Penguins	94%	Below National Average