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Well Done!

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FROM MRS BIRD, ACTING HEADTEACHER

Term 4 Issue 4

Well, we started the reopening singing along to 'Happy' and we end the term feeling equally as happy! Having the children back in school, with their friends, has been a true joy and I know that when the children return from the Easter break, they will continue to work hard and enjoy their time in school. I would like to thank all the staff for making sure lessons have been creative, fun and exciting, whilst having the right balance of the core subjects. We certainly have a talented team!

As I end the term in my acting head role, I wanted to say that I have absolutely loved it! It has been a real honour to lead the school and whilst I have now started to eat chocolate for my breakfast instead of my usual peanut butter on toast, I couldn't have done it without the support and kindness shown by all the staffing team. What parents don't see behind the scenes is the genuine teamwork, the love of the job and the drive to make this school the best it can be for all the children. After the Easter break, we will warmly welcome Mrs Gascoigne back on a phased return - I know she is looking forward to seeing you all and we are looking forward to her returning.

As we approach the holiest weekend of the Christian calendar, it has been wonderful to watch the children's interpretation of the Easter story and the values of compassion, forgiveness, hope, love and friendship explored in this way.

Just as the seasons change throughout the year, Easter is about the seasons of our lives changing, that there is hope for our future, especially after a difficult struggle such as the pandemic.



Now that we can spend time with some family or friends (outdoors!), it's time to reconnect, enjoy life again and eat lots of chocolate. Have a really super Easter and I hope it brings you all lots of happiness.

Mr Roy

Sadly, today marks Mr Roy's last day here at school. He has taught here for 11 years, in various year groups, and it's fair to say that he is going to be really missed. The children adore him and he is equally loved and respected by the staffing team. As he starts his new adventure with Doodle Maths, we wish him all the very best. Andrew, thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the school. You are going to be hugely missed.

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It is with great sadness that Mrs Wallis will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. She has decided to pursue her love of the creative arts and we know that she will have great success with this. Mrs Wallis is known for her hard work, creativity, and passion for children's learning (and her tidiness!). She will be sorely missed but we wish her all the very, very best.

We also say farewell to our Bath Spa students Miss Ferreira and Mr Frost who have really become part of the team and had an excellent placement with us. We wish them well in their new placements, and look forward to warmly welcoming our new students next term.

Mrs Bird, Acting Headteacher

Forest School this term

This term it has been fantastic welcoming all of the classes back to the forest school area. Each class has had an entire morning or afternoon to take part in a wide range of activities. These have included: searching for signs of Spring such as blossoming flowers and signs of emerging creatures, learning how to identify some of our common garden birds, both visually and through their calls; cooking quesadillas on the campfire and singing some campfire songs; create our own natural art based on the work of the artist Hannah Bullen-Ryner; swinging from the trees in hammocks; playing our giant musical sticks and generally having a good explore and getting rather mucky. We've had sunshine, rain and even the odd hail show, but the children have been fantastic throughout, showing resilience, creativity, teamwork and a great deal of cheer. We've also talked about and explored how wonderful spending time in nature and I'm really looking forward to hearing all about what everybody has got up to over the Easter holidays. The quesadillas have proved particularly popular so I have included the very simple method for making them below. I'd also encourage anyone who is interested in finding out more about birds to take a look at the RSPB website which contains loads of great resources and information. Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing everybody in the Summer term.

Mr Parsonage, Outdoor Adventures

Campfire Quesadillas

Basic Ingredients:

- Tortilla wraps (i have used Co-ops tomato and herb ones this term for extra flavour)
- Grated cheese (I use a mixture of cheddar and mozzarella)

Optional extras: pesto, sweetcorn, peppers, ham, chorizo, tomato puree, cooked chicken, onion etc.

Method:

- Spread your cheese and any other ingredients over a flat tortilla and place another on top
 - Bring a heavy griddle pan or saucepan to a medium high heat and place your wraps flat down on top
 - Once the outside has begun to toast and the cheese has started melting, flip carefully using a spatula
 - Toast the other side until it is also done
 - Allow to cool slightly and then cut into pieces (Mr P tip: use kitchen scissors to make this even easier)
 - Serve, maybe with some fresh tomato salsa
- These are fun to cook on the grill of a campfire (or BBQ) with the griddle pan on top, but can also be done on the hob. Enjoy!



Year 6 Playground Pentathlon

Before Christmas, ten Year 6 children took part in a Virtual Pentathlon Competition. Our boys finished 4th overall and the girls 7th. Well done to all who took part; they worked really hard in a variety of challenges that tested their all-round abilities.

Competition winner!

Congratulations to Bluebelle in Year 5 - Bluebelle entered a competition in the February half-term holidays to design a label to be printed onto a bottle of hand wash. Bluebelle entered the Age 8 + category and was a winner. Here is Bluebelle's winning design. Well done!



Easter Prayer

God of wonder, God of new life,
 On Good Friday we remember how the friends of Jesus
 cried tears at the foot of the cross.
 They were sad and quiet as he was laid in the tomb.
 On Easter day we will remember how their sadness turned to joy
 when Jesus rose from the dead and returned.
 He brought the promise of new life and **forgiveness** for us all.
 Help us to remember every day
 the gift of your son Jesus to the world,
 and always be thankful.
 Amen

Upcoming Dates (subject to change, please always check the website):

April 2021	
01 APR	End of Term 4, 3.15pm 🕒 15:15 📅 Term Dates
19 APR	Term 5 Starts, 8.45/8.50am 📅 Term Dates
May 2021	
28 MAY	End of Term 5, 3.15pm 🕒 15:15 📅 Term Dates
June 2021	
07 JUN	Term 6 Starts, 8.45/8.50am 📅 Term Dates
18 JUN	Inset Day - school closed to pupils 🕒 08:45 - 15:15 📅 Staff Training Day

Letters home this week:

PE Fleece

Whole school

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