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A 'thumbs up' for Key Stage 2 sports day

It was a pleasure to see our Key Stage 2 children participating so enthusiastically during our Sports Day this week. They were all keen to do well and to encourage their friends to push themselves that 'extra mile'. Our house teams were very supportive of each other and provided excellent sporting role models. Many of the activities involved application of skills such as dribbling balls or balancing a quoit on the head whilst racing. Others involved a full cardio workout, such as relay races, sprints and the long distance run. No matter the event, the children put in their 'all' and certainly found their team spirit. At the end of the morning, the scores were totted up and it was definitely a close situation in terms of the scores. However, the winning team was Atlantis and here you are able to see two of our Year 5 children enjoying the rapture of holding the trophy! Thank you to Mr Yates for organising our Sports Day event this year.



Spelling bee



On Tuesday morning, four children from Monkfield Park were selected to take part in this year's annual Spelling Bee. This year was a little different as it was held virtually, instead of all of the children from the local schools coming together in person. The children worked as a team and individually to complete a variety of challenging spelling tasks such as finding as many words within a word as they could, individually having a word to spell, finding the correct word from a list of anagrams, and a definitions round. At times, it was a bit like the TV programme 'Countdown'! The scores were all very close and although we did not win this year, we are extremely proud of how each of the four children worked as a team and by themselves. They were calm and collected all the way through. Well done to Flossie, Emir, Ishaan and Uliana, who represented our school so brilliantly.

Term dates 2021-2022—Additional bank holiday

As part of the celebrations for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, people will be able to enjoy a UK wide four-day weekend in recognition of the first time a British monarch has reached this milestone. Since the bank holiday falls within the half term break, schools have been given permission to reduce their Summer term days by one, in lieu of the holiday. Please note that in order to provide you with as much notice as possible about this, the last day of term for 2022 will now be THURSDAY 21st JULY 2022 INSTEAD OF FRIDAY 22nd JULY 2022. Dates are able to be determined at school level. Please see the revised term dates that are attached to this newsletter, and also on the school website.



Reflection Garden—still time to donate and an update

We have extended the time frame in which families are able to donate to the Rocketfund page in order to contribute to our plans for a school reflection garden, in memory of Dilni. If you would like to donate, then you can do so by following the link below:

<https://www.rocketfund.org/additional-funds-for-our-new-reflection-garden?tk=f19d607ef10f89297bf5293b73bc46f91763c877>



We have now been in contact with the makers of the mosaic centrepiece, and have set a time frame for a September installation, so we still have plenty of time to collect contributions and to raise money for this cause. The children in school have been busily designing features that could be included in this area, and we are hopeful that we will also have enough funds to be able to add some benches, planters, a water feature and some decorative items to enhance the design further. We do hope that you feel able to contribute in any small way to this lasting memorial for our school, particularly since the children have started to think about the artwork that will go into the mosaic feature.

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Swagath in Cygnus Class—Swagath showed amazing skills with his hockey stick in our Key Stage 2 sports day this week. He really understood the need for control. Well done Swagath!

Zachary W in Phoenix Class—For really pushing yourself in the last 100 metres of the long distance run. I was very impressed with your sprint finish.

Aurora in Columba Class—For channelling yourself during sports day and really focussing on the finish line, which had great results!

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you three different ways to make the total of 8 e.g. $3 + 5 = 8$.

Ask your Year 1 child where they would most like to visit in America.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'.

Ask your Year 3 child about their diorama.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain why leaving litter in a woodland has a negative impact on wildlife.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the difference between parallel and perpendicular lines.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain what an RPS lesson is and what the letters stand for.



Year 4 litter pick

As part of our Science learning on the impact humans have on our living environment, on Tuesday Year 4 were very excited to take part in a litter picking activity. With bags, litter pickers and monitoring sheets at the ready, we made our way through the beautiful Wildlife Trust owned Monks Wood and Oaks Wood, which are both just outside our school! On our way through Oaks Wood, we met Becca Badger from the Wildlife Trust, who chatted with the children, and thanked them for their good work. When asked about their experiences, children said they were most surprised by the variety of litter they found. However, they also loved discovering the squirrels, rabbits and birds that live in the woodland, and especially admired the size and complexity of the badger sets! They can even tell you what a Chiffchaff sounds like, as its distinctive call echoed through the trees. They came back with the important message - Take your litter home!



Forthcoming Dates

7th July—New Reception children come and play at 9.30am—**POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER** (PLEASE SEE SEPARATE LETTER)

7th July —New Reception parents' evening at 6.00pm (Via Zoom—please see separate letter)

8th & 9th July—Year 6 new intake days at Cambourne Village College (children to take packed lunches) - **CANCELLED** (PLEASE SEE LETTER FROM CAMBOURNE VILLAGE COLLEGE)

9th July—Reports sent home to parents

9th July—Children visit their new classrooms and teachers for next academic year (Move up afternoon)

12th July 3.45pm to 5.15pm—Reports drop in (see this newsletter for further information)

13th July—New Reception children come and play at 9.30am—**POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER** (PLEASE SEE SEPARATE LETTER)

15th July—Year 6 production at 6pm (via Zoom and with more details to follow)

21st July—Year 6 Leavers' assembly at 10am (via Zoom)

22nd July—Last day of Summer term

23rd July—Start of Summer holidays

These dates may be subject to change if there are changes in Government and Local Authority guidance.

Reports drop in for parents

You will be receiving your child's end of year report on 9th July. We would like to provide any parents who may have queries about any aspect of the report with an opportunity to discuss this with the class teacher. With that in mind, we have arranged some 10 minute Zoom appointments that you will be able to book, using the online booking system. These appointments will be open to book from 4.30pm on Friday 9th July until 2pm on Monday 12th July. The office will include a link with your child's report. Please only book an appointment if you need to discuss the report as they are not designed to be a consultation evening. Thank you in advance.



SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2021/2022

2021

Training Day Wednesday 1st September (school closed to children)

Autumn Term Opens Thursday 2nd September

Half Term 25th October – 29th October

Autumn Term Closes Friday 17th December

2022

Training Day Tuesday 4th January (school closed to children)

Spring Term Opens Wednesday 5th January

Half Term 14th February – 18th February

Spring Term Closes Friday 1st April

Training Day Tuesday 19th April

Summer Term Opens Wednesday 20th April

May Day Monday 2nd May

Half Term 30th May – 3rd June

Training Days Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th June (school closed to children)

Summer Term Closes Thursday 21st July

SAY NO TO BUBBLE TROUBLE

How small is your
social bubble?



Remember:
hands, face, space
and fresh air



Get tested *immediately* if you have symptoms



HANDS



FACE



SPACE



FRESH AIR



Cambridgeshire
County Council

PETERBOROUGH



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