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Friday 12th May 2023

Dear Families,

This afternoon, Year 6 have been celebrating completing their SATs tests, with a game of rounders. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication, and positive attitude throughout this period. They have all shown remarkable resilience and determination in the lead up to this week. Well done Year 6!



Last Friday, we celebrated the Coronation with an indoor picnic lunch and outdoor assembly. It really was a joyous occasion filled with fun and excitement. The children thoroughly enjoyed the cakes prepared by our kitchen team. During our outdoor assembly, the children sang the National Anthem and played games, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was heart-warming to see the children coming together and celebrating such an important event in our country's history.



Once again we have had a wonderful experience with the Living Eggs program. Just eleven days ago, twelve eggs were delivered to our school, and today we bid farewell to ten beautiful chicks as they left us to go to a small holding. The whole school community has been thrilled to be a part of this amazing experience, and it was heartening to see children from all year groups take such a keen interest in the eggs. Over the course of the eleven days, children watched the eggs carefully, eagerly anticipating the arrival of the chicks. Children and staff alike were overjoyed to see the new arrivals, and everyone took turns holding and caring for the chicks.

This experience has been a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to learn about the life cycle of chickens, and it has undoubtedly fostered a greater appreciation and understanding of the natural world. We are grateful to the DPSA for funding our participation in such a meaningful program.





Year 5 have been experimenting with different materials as they investigated gravity using pulley systems. The children have been learning about the laws of motion and the principles of gravity, and how they can be applied to solve problems. Using pulley systems, they have been experimenting with different materials to see how they affect the speed and force of the movement. The children have demonstrated a great deal of creativity and ingenuity in their approach to this project. They worked collaboratively to design and construct their pulley systems, and they have shown a real.



Dormice class have been busy in the adventure garden, preparing to plant seeds as part of their learning in science. They have been working together to clear and prepare the garden beds, and they have been learning about different types of seeds and how to plant them.



Don't forget the Mini Marathon is taking place next week on Saturday 20th May. There is still time to get involved as you can come along and sign up on the day – the more the merrier. It is a great event to be a part of and we as a school are really looking forward to it.

You will also find on the following pages on this newsletter the Dates for the Fridge for the remainder of Term 5 and also Term 6.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Paula Carlton
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Dates for the Fridge – Term 5 & 6

Term 5	
Tuesday 9 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Tuesday 16 th May	Year 6 trip to Solent Sky Museum
Wednesday 17 th May	<i>Fixture – Year 5/6 Cricket</i>
Thursday 18 th May	Year 5 visit from Wessex Rivers Trust
Friday 19 th May	<i>Fixture – Year 5/6 Football Tournament at Alderbury</i>
Saturday 20 th May	Salisbury Schools Mini Marathon
Monday 22 nd May	Year 6 Bikeability – Group One
Tuesday 23 rd May	Year 6 Bikeability – Group One
Wednesday 24 th May	2023 Reception intake – Welcome Evening at 6pm
Thursday 25 th May	Sports Day – details TBC
Friday 26 th May	Last day of term
Term 6	
Monday 5th June	TD Day – school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 6 th June	First day of term
Wednesday 7 th June	DPSA Coffee Morning for 2023 Reception intake
Wednesday 7 th June	<i>Fixture – Year 3/4 Tennis at Wyvern</i>
Friday 9 th June	<i>Fixture - Year 5/6 Tag Rugby at Bishops</i>
Friday 9 th June	Trip to Lepe Beach
Monday 12 th June	Trip to Lepe Beach
Monday 12 th June	Rabbits and Squirrels Open Classroom – 2:30pm
Tuesday 13 th June	Group A – Reception 2023 intake – 9:15am - 10:15am
Tuesday 13 th June	<i>Fixture – Athletics Festival</i>
Tuesday 13 th June	Trip to Lepe Beach
Wednesday 14 th June	<i>Fixture - Year 5 Quad Kids at Trafalgar</i>
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 6 Residential – Osmington Bay
Thursday 15 th June	Year 6 Residential – Osmington Bay
Friday 16 th June	Year 6 Residential – Osmington Bay
Friday 16 th June	Foxes, Dormice & Hedgehogs Open Classroom – 2:30pm
Monday 19 th June	Year 2 Training Choir Concert – 2:30pm
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 5 taster day at Burgate
Tuesday 20 th June	Group B – Reception 2023 intake – 9:15am - 10:15am
Wednesday 21 st June	<i>Fixture – Year 5/6 Rounders at Trafalgar</i>
Wednesday 21 st June	Year 6 Bikeability – Group Two
Thursday 22 nd June	Year 6 Bikeability – Group Two
Friday 23 rd June	Stags, Owls & Falcons Open Classroom – 2:30pm
Tuesday 27 th June	All children – Reception 2023 intake – 9:15am – 10:15am
Tuesday 27 th June	RE Day
Wednesday 28 th June	Gymnast Kelly Simm visiting the school
Wednesday 28 th June	Year 5 Taster Day at Trafalgar School
Thursday 6 th July	Year 6 Bikeability – Group Three



Friday 7 th July	Year 6 Bikeability – Group Three
Friday 7 th July	Hawks, Kestrels & Badgers Open Classroom – 2:30pm
Monday 10 th July	Year 6 production – 6:30pm
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 6 production – 1:30pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Music Soiree – 6:30pm
Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of term*

*End of term details to be confirmed

