

William Gilpin CE VA Primary School

Newsletter 10-06-16



Summer.. here at last!

At last! Summer does finally seem to be upon us! I hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children certainly seem to have been busy as they appear to have come back to school more tired than they left! We have a very busy half term ahead of us and look forward to spending as much of that outside as we can. We have been making the most of the field and the children are enjoying making dens in the bushes. Please make sure you check your children regularly as we do get ticks on the school field.

A Right Royal Celebration.



We shall be taking part in the National Empty Classroom Day on Friday 17th June and spending as much of the day working outdoors as possible. Please send your child in comfortable, practical clothing for this day. We would like to combine this day with our celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. The children will all be making royal kites that we plan to fly in the afternoon at our royal picnic. We would be grateful if parents could provide picnic blankets and a small donation of £1 towards food for the children to share. You are warmly invited to join us at the end of the afternoon for the picnic from 2:30pm, when the maypole dancers will also give us a short display.

Parents' forum

The last Parents' Forum of this year will be next Tuesday 14th June at 2:30pm in the Community Room. Please come along if you have questions or ideas you would like to share. At the last Parents' Forum we discussed: music provision - we now have a recorder club at lunchtime and a peripatetic teacher to cover the violin lessons and a range of other instruments; the daily mile - this is still happening and we discussed ways to motivate those who are reluctant runners; PE - we talked about the statutory requirement for PE in terms of time and how this is met. We are exploring the statutory requirement for swimming within the new curriculum; reports and parents consultations - we discussed the possibility of moving reports to the end of the year and ways we could ensure parent/teacher consultations are more informative and useful; snack trolley - some parents were concerned about what this might sell. The requirements on HC3S to provide healthy snacks was explained; Forest Schools - this is something a number of parents have expressed an interest in and we have made some investigations into this. However it was explained that there were a number of school priorities which were being looked at and we will inform parents once decisions have been made about this going forward; Apps - it was requested that we establish a page on the school website identifying 'teacher approved' Apps which parents could download for their children to work on at home. We are working on this!

Last half term we ran a second Parents' Forum session at 6:30pm to accommodate those of you who work. This session was attended by only a select few but I am willing to run this forum again if the interest is there. Please let the office know if you would like to attend at the later time.

Focus Christian Value
Kindness



Important Dates:

June

Tues 14th Parents' Forum 2:30 & 6:30pm

Wed 15th Family Worship

Tues 21st Class 3 Listen to Me concert 1:30pm

Y5/6 Cricket Tournament, Totton

Wed 22nd Celebration Worship

New Reception children 2016 - Stories & Rhymes
Fri 24th Yr6 Winchester Cathedral Day

Cluster Cricket at SBS Y5
Class 2 Worship 2:40pm

Tues 28th Sports Day

KS2 - Morning
KS1 - Afternoon

Wed 29th Family Worship

July

Wed 6th Celebration Worship
New Reception Visit
1:30pm - 2:45pm

Friday 8th Summer Music Concert

Tues 12th Yr6 visit to Priestlands

Question of the week...?

How do we convey messages without speaking?



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'The greatest oak was once an acorn that held its ground'.

Forgiveness, Kindness, Belief

King Edwards VI School

There is an open evening on Friday 7th October between 6:30 and 9pm for any parents who would like to find out more about King Edwards as an option for their child at 11. Alternatively contact the school directly to arrange a visit during any normal working day.

Transition

There is a free workshop for all parents of Year 6 pupils about helping childrens transition to secondary school led by Lorraine Lee from ReCap. The workshop is on Monday 20th June 7-9pm at Milford-on-Sea CE Primary School. The session is FREE but you do need to book a place. You can do this by copying and pasting the link below into your search engine.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping---children---transition---to---secondary---school---tickets---24738843547>

Digimap Competition

I know some children have been busy over half term snapping wildlife photos for the digimap competition. For those who have not yet managed to take your picture or post them onto the digimap, we are extending the deadline to Wednesday 22nd June. All you need to do is go out and take a digital image of some wildlife or evidence of wildlife. Go into Digimap for Schools (see details below) and upload that image, tagging where it was taken on the map. Then tell us your first name and a question you would like to ask Steve about the photograph. We will select the three best images and questions and send them in as our school entry.

Logging into Digimap for Schools and creating your map:

Go to : www.digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk and log in.

Our school username is: **so415qg**

Our school password is: **gheads11**

Don't forget – the winning school will receive a visit to the school by TV presenter and wildlife enthusiast, Steve Backshall!



Wed 13th Family Worship
KS2 Production 6:30pm
Thurs 14th KS2 Production 6:30pm
Mon 18th Y6 Leavers Lunch
Tues 19th 'Gilpin's Got Talent' show
Weds 20th Leaver's Service 9am

Diary dates are also on the school website

September

Mon 5th INSET Day—School Closed
Tues 6th First day of Autumn Term

Boldre Produce Show

Schedules are now available in the village for the Produce Show which is on Saturday 9th July at 3.00pm in the Memorial Hall.

There are some classes specially for children.

7 years and under

Class 61 - A picture of the Queen wearing her crown, sticky-on bits would be good.

Class 62 - Fill a matchbox with as many things as you can.

Class 63 - 3 Rice Krispie or Cornflake cakes.

8-12 years

Class 64 - A photo you have taken suitable for a postcard of the village.

Class 65 - One or more finger puppets from fabric, wool or paper, you choose.

Class 66 - Three pieces of Chocolate Concrete as per recipe (in show schedule).

I know how creative you all are, so why not support the local show and have a go!

Schedules from Mrs Angela Grainger, The Old Dairy, Pilley Street, Pilley.

