

William Gilpin CE VA Primary School

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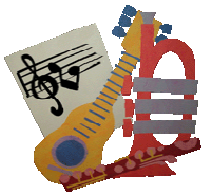
Summer Term

Welcome back for the Summer Term. I hope you all had a relaxing break. We hope that as the weather improves we will be able to get outside and use the grounds as much as possible both in lesson time and at break times. Please could you ensure that your child has a sun hat in school this term and apply sun cream when we get further into the term and the sun becomes stronger.



At the end of last term we said farewell to Mrs Torrens who has covered KS1 teacher Planning and Preparation time (PPA) for the last three years. We hope to still welcome her into school when we need supply cover but thank her for all her hard work for the children and wish her all the very best. We are grateful that, this term, Mrs Hudson and Ms White will cover the PPA for Class 2 between them.

Music Tuition



We are pleased to say that we have been able to secure the services of a peripatetic violin teacher, Mrs Jenny Davies. We are also delighted that Mrs Tubb, our peripatetic music teacher, has been able to offer a recorder club which starts this term. We are now able to offer tuition in a wide range of musical instruments in small group and individual lessons. In the next few weeks a letter will be coming home outlining the instruments available. If you are interested in your child learning one of these, please return the form to the office as soon as possible so that we can arrange the right number of hours with the teachers.

Breaktime Snacks

The School Council have liaised with HC3S (Hampshire Caterers) to organise the introduction of a snack bar which we will trial over the coming term. You should receive a letter from the School Council today outlining what will be available to buy. I would like to stress that children may still bring their own healthy snack to school - no nuts please - and KS1 children will still be provided with their free piece of fruit or vegetable daily.

School lunches

The price for a school meal has remained a very reasonable £2.00 for over five years. The price has now risen to £2.10 with effect from Monday 11th April. I am sure you will agree that this is still very good value for a hot main meal and a pudding too.



Focus Christian Value Belief



Important Dates:

April

- Wed 20th** Celebration Worship
- Fri 22nd** Leavers and Class Photos
- Tues 26th** Class 1 St Barbe Museum workshop in school
- Wed 27th** Family Worship

May

- Mon 2nd** Bank Holiday
- Wed 4th** Celebration Worship
- Fri 6th** Class 1 trip to Oceanarium

Week beginning 9th May Y6 SATS

- Wed 11th** Family Worship
- Fri 13th** Class 1 Worship 2:40pm
- Wed 18th** Celebration Worship
Class 3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
- Fri 20th** Cluster Rounders at William Gilpin 1-3pm

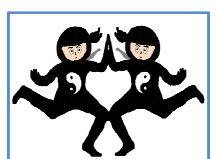
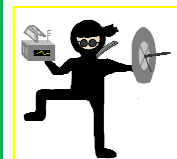
Saturday 21st May Summer Fete 11am - 2pm

Week beginning 23rd May Curriculum Week ~ Africa

Question of the week...?

Is believing always seeing?

What do you believe that cannot be seen?



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

Forgiveness, Kindness, Belief

Topics

Below is a brief outline of the topics each class will be covering this term. For more details of the curriculum being covered please refer to the topic overviews which can be found on the school website (About us ~ Official Info.)

Class 1

Class 1 are 'Off to the Seaside' this half term! On 26th April we have St.Barbe Museum visiting the class to teach us about seaside holidays in the past, and a trip to the Oceanarium in Bournemouth and the beach are planned for 6th May. We will be writing stories about sea creatures, and poems about the beach and the animals we see at the Oceanarium. In our outside area we have beach hut role play where we have already been enjoying picnics and playing beach games. We will be learning about sea creatures, comparing inland and seaside locations and following a seaside theme in music.



Class 2

This half term we will be basing our learning around the book *Beegu*, an alien who comes down to Earth and finds it difficult to make friends. We will be looking at the emotions involved in this scenario and the ways in which he could change his situation. We will also be looking at animals and in particular African animals. We will look at what they look like and what they eat. In maths we will be building upon what we have already learnt to develop a deeper understanding.



Class 3

This term Class 3 will be learning about Vikings! We will also be hearing about the adventures of 'Erik the Viking' and writing our own narratives based on images from the book. Our trip to Butser Ancient Farm on Wednesday 18th May will help to bring the whole topic to life.



Class 4

This half term we will be learning about Stone-age to Iron-age. The class will be learning how to survive in the Stone-age, writing time slip stories, transporting them back to a time when you needed to be on your guard. We will be discovering how Europe changed in the Mesolithic period resulting in Britain becoming separate from the rest of Europe. We will also be learning about how daily life changed with the introduction of farming and hierarchal communities. The children will be trying out their sewing skills by making their own hats and will finally be looking at Stonehenge and the druids.



Other Dates:

May

Mon 23rd M&M Productions
Wed 25th No Worship
Fri 27th Class 3 Worship 2.40pm
Open Classrooms 3.15 pm

30th May - 3rd June Half Term Holiday

June

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

Please look at the complete Diary dates sheet for a full list of events.

Diary dates are also on the school website

Junior BAKE OFF

We have been contacted by a tv production company called Love Productions, who make programmes such as *The Great British Bake Off* and *The Great British Sewing Bee*. They are seeking new Junior Bakers to take part in the fourth series of **Junior BakeOff** for CBBC. They are looking for bakers aged between 9-12 years old (for the period of 1st July – 1st September 2016) to apply and potentially feature in the show, with a chance of being crowned *Junior Bake Off* Champion 2016. If you are interested in taking part, see the leaflets in the office.

Walking for Guide Dogs

Lloyd from Class 1 will be undertaking a guide dogs global dogs unite sponsored walk on Sunday with his mum and dad. This is a subject close to his heart as his Grandfather is blind and has a guide dog so he is keen to do well. If you would like to sponsor the family you can do so through their just giving page at the following link:

www.justgiving.com/Hannah-Turner14

