

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents / Carers,

One week to go of the longest term this academic year ...

Ladybirds are loving counting with Numberblocks and even practiced addition and subtraction! They have continued learning phonics with Little Wandle and enjoyed 'Wind the Bobbin Up' in rhyme time. It has also been a very creative couple of weeks with the decoration and construction of a castle, making flavoured playdoughs and turning conkers into hedgehogs!

Robins have been learning about our bodies in science. Drew round on playground. In art we looked at 'Draw with Rob' and drew cartoon self-portraits. In RE, we are learning about the creation story with an accompanying song.

Dragonfly class have been writing directions to find hidden treasure in the playground and next week, we are going to see if a friend can follow them to find it! We have finished learning about microhabitats, food chains and where our food comes from in Science. We really enjoyed creating our own farms and deciding what food we would produce there. We have also been celebrating Black History Month and focused our learning on two very important historical figures – Mary Seacole and Matthew Henson.

Kingfisher carried out experiments in Science linked to brushing our teeth. In Maths, they learned about shapes (Year 4) and decimals (Year 5). The children made some beautiful Rangoli Patterns in RE and Art, wrote some fantastic stories in English and in Outdoor Learning, competed in challenges to build a wood store with pallets.

Otters have created some fantastic Lowry-inspired art, studied famous historical figures inspired by Black History Month and learnt how the brain works during their wellbeing day. They have also researched and written explanations of how everyday household appliances work.

Term Dates

Term one: Tuesday 2nd September-Thursday 23rd October
Term two: Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December
Term three: Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February
Term four: Tuesday 24th February – Friday 27th March
Term five: Monday 13th April – Thursday 21st May
Term six: Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July

Inset Days

School will be closed to all pupils on the following days:

- Friday 24th October
- Monday 23rd February
- Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday)
- Friday 22nd May

Event Reminders

- Robins - 'Mucky Mondays' every Monday (PE kit to be worn in case weather is bad)
 - Tuesdays – PE for the whole school
- #### October
- 22nd – Individual School Photos
 - 23rd – Wear Pink Day / End of Term One
 - 23rd - School Disco (15:30-17:30)
 - 24th – Inset Day
 - 27th-31st – Half term
- #### November
- 6-7th – Stroud Book Festival
 - 12th – Open Morning (prospective parents)
 - 14th – Flu vaccinations (see email of 16th October)

Attendance

Whole school attendance for this term is 93.6%, which is below the National Average of 95.8%.

Individual class totals are:

Robins 92.9%
Dragonfly 93%
Kingfisher 94.4%
Otter 95%

Hall Hire

There has been an increase in the amount we charge to hire the school hall. From Monday-Friday, the hire charge will be £25 and Saturday-Sunday £30 for two hours. Each subsequent hour will be charged at £10. A full day (more than four hours), will be charged at £50.

Wear Pink Day

As per my email of 15th October, please send your child to school in an item of pink clothing, with a pink accessory or an entire pink outfit plus a minimum £1 cash donation to support this fabulous cause.

School Disco

On Thursday 23rd October, FOBS will be hosting a School Disco from 3.30-5.30pm. Tickets cost £4 which includes a hot dog and drinks. Please see my email of 15th October for more information.