

Dear Parents / Carers,

How lovely it is to see the sunshine!

Ladybirds have enjoyed learning about the lifecycles of plants and butterflies including observing their bean and sunflower plants growing. They had great fun finding hatched chicks in the Preschool Easter egg hunt and love the Easter story so much they are requesting it be read!

Robins love their new 'Oceans' theme. The children read 'Commotion in the Ocean' and have been practicing writing words that rhyme. The Year One children wrote some super rhyming poems featuring ocean creatures whilst Reception created wonderful sea-themed collages. In Science, the children are learning about the five main animal categories.

Dragonfly class have been reading and writing about the 'Lost and Found' story in English. In Maths, they have been learning about time, and the children have worked very hard figuring out minutes past and to the hour. In PE, the children enjoyed being out in the sunshine for cricket.

Kingfisher have been focusing their Writing on 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. In PE, they have been developing their cricket skills and in Geography, they have started their 'Would you like to live in the desert' unit by identifying deserts around the world using atlases as well as creating lovely desert pictures using pastels.

Otter class have been investigating how to make our school more environmentally friendly. In Science, they have taken on the role of palaeontologists investigating fossils and in PE, have had lots of fun practicing our cricket skills with Mr Tanner (Atlas).

Term Dates

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:

- Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday)
- Friday 22nd May

Staffing Update

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Llewellyn (Dragonfly Class) who will be covering Mrs Blanch's maternity leave and Mrs Bryan who is helping in Robins class until the end of term six. We have also said goodbye to Kathy (lunchtime supervisor) who had been at the school for 24 years (!!)

and Miss Stanley. We thank them for their time and service.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last two weeks has dropped slightly to 95%, which is below the National Average of 94.8%.

Individual class totals are:

- Robins 97.6%
- Dragonfly 93.5%
- Kingfisher 96.7%
- Otter 97.9%

Wherever possible, please book appointments and holidays outside of school time to ensure we can continue achieving high levels of attendance.

Collection after school

Please always aim to be at school promptly for 3.15pm (3pm for Preschool) to collect your child(ren).

If for any reason you are delayed, please ensure you phone the office to inform us.

Just a reminder, if a child is not collected by 3.30pm, they will be placed in After School Club with Atlas Clubs for safeguarding and safety reasons. You will be charged for any required booking(s).

Event Reminders

April

- 27th – Atlas Day
- 29th – Mad Science after school club starts

May

- 4th – May Bank Holiday – school closed
- 5-7th – Bikeability (Year 5)
- 8th – Great Athletes visit
- 11-14th – SATs week
- 18th – Last Construction Club
- 19th at 14:15 – Drama performance
- 21st (AM) – Pentecost experience (Church) / term ends
- 22nd – Inset Day

June

- 1st – Term Six starts (08:45)
- 8-12th – Enrichment Week / PGL Trip
- 11th – Year 5 Camp Out
- 23rd – Sports Day

July

- 5th - FOBS Summer Fair feat. Tweedy!
- 7-8th – Summer Production
- 9-10th – Deer Park induction days
- 15th at 14:30 – Rocksteady concert
- 17th – Leavers assembly / last day!

Atlas Day – Monday 27th April

Please send your children in their PE kit for a day with Atlas focused on wellbeing and having fun. Kindly note, they will still do PE on Tuesday as normal.

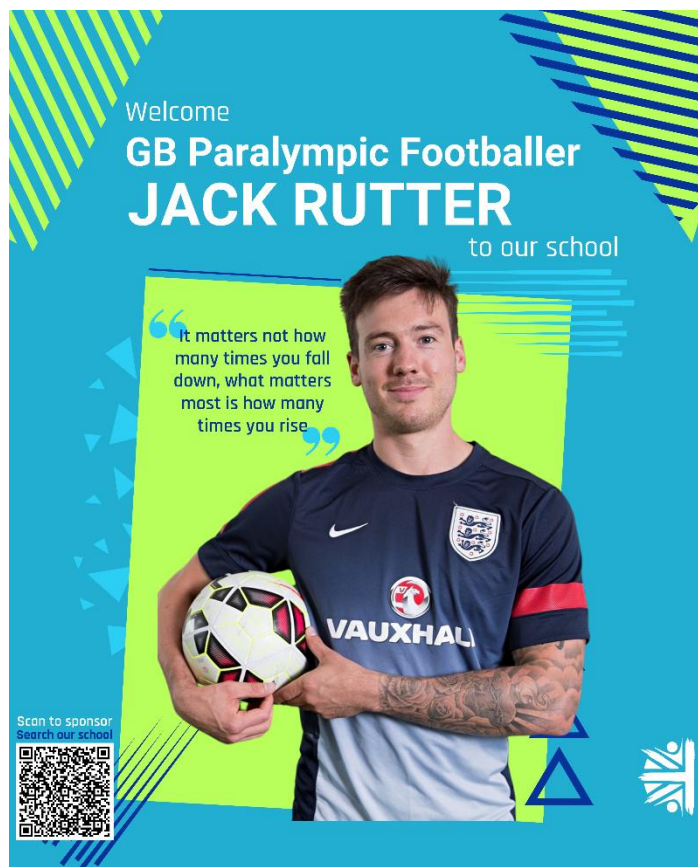
Warm Weather

The glorious weather reiterates the importance of sending your child(ren) into school wearing sunscreen, with a sun hat and water bottle.

Great Athletes – Friday 8th May

We are excited to announce that GB Paralympic footballer Jack Rutter will be visiting us for the morning of Friday 8th May. On the day, all pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit run by the athlete, which is a great way to get all children excited about sport. Jack will then share his incredible sporting journey, a story of resilience and determination in a fun and interactive assembly before the children can ask questions in a Q&A session.

The children have been sent home today with a letter and sponsorship form. The money raised will help us to purchase new sports equipment and improve levels of physical activity in our school!



Governors Communication

The Governors wish to thank those parents who so kindly made time to come and listen to the feedback from the parents' survey in person on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. We are so grateful to everyone who contributed.

Surveys are always a good indicator for the Governing Body to understand how much of the strategic work we do is benefitting the children as Mrs Brown and the whole staff team deliver the best for your children. We are not complacent and appreciate honest feedback.

Of the 73 families (100 children) we have at Brimscombe School we received 27 replies. For those who are interested, we have left copies in the front foyer (of the slides that were presented), should you wish to see them. Just for reference 4% on the pie charts equates roughly to one comment.

As you will appreciate, the additional questions and comments that came from the face-to-face sessions, are not included.

Theresa Yates-Round, Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Governing Body

Snacks

A gentle reminder that we are a 'Gloucestershire Healthy School'. Please refrain from sending your children to school with squash and chocolate.

Bikeability

Bikeability Level 2 for Year 5 children will take place from 5-7th May. Please return the permission form sent by email on Monday 20th April. A payment item will be added to ParentPay shortly.

Meal price increase

As of 1st June, the price of all school meals will increase to £2.95 due to the ongoing increases in food costs.

Plastic animals request for Preschool

If you have any plastic animals at home (land or sea!), that are no longer required, please donate them to our Preschool.

Car Park

Please remember, the car park is for staff and parents with permits only. For drop off and collection, please park in the port and walk up the hill.

ParentPay Debts

Please settle all ParentPay debts or reduce balances to a maximum of £25.

We are a NUT FREE school. Thank you for your continued efforts to keep lunch boxes and snacks nut free.