

Dear Parents / Carers,

Only two weeks until the end of term ...

Ladybirds have loved making cloaks, hiding places and backdrops with bright pieces of material. They enjoyed learning about measuring and weighing using toy animals in their vet area. The children also looked at and drew pictures of the creation story, displaying them showing the days of the week.

Robins have been learning about carnivores, omnivores and herbivores in Science. They have been reading 'Sharing a Shell' and learning about the creatures within the story, in particular hermit crabs. They explored pollution in the oceans and created fantastic 'Save the Ocean' posters - the Eco Council voted the winners.

Dragonfly class have been working extremely hard in English using lots of different writing skills such as adverbs, expanded noun phrases and imperative verbs! In Maths, Year 2 have been learning about money and Year 3 about time.

Kingfisher have been very creative in Outdoor Learning including making natural perfumes. The Year 5 children also had fun in Bikeability.

Otter class investigated how a variety of plants have adapted to survive in different environments, researched modern day Martyrs that can be found in Westminster Abbey and had lots of fun planning and writing descriptive free verse poetry with a focus on personification and imagery.

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:

- Friday 22nd May

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last two weeks has increased slightly to 95.7%, which is above the National Average of 94.8%.

Individual class totals are:

Robins 95.9%
Dragonfly 93.9%
Kingfisher 96.3%
Otter 99.2%

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

Punctuality

A gentle reminder, the school day starts at 08:45 with registers taken at 09:00. Any child arriving after 09:00 will be marked as 'Late' and those arriving after 09:15 as an 'Unauthorised Absence', both of which negatively impact your child's 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

May

- 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
- 19th – FOBS 'rainbow' non-uniform day
- 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!

Great Athletes – Friday 8th May

The children had a fantastic morning with GB Paralympic footballer Jack Rutter and loved taking part in their sponsored fitness circuit. Jack shared his incredible sporting journey in a whole school assembly before a Q&A session during which the children asked all manner of questions! We hope your child(ren) found the morning both fun and inspirational. Please do encourage your children to continue with their sponsorship forms ahead of the return deadline of Friday 15th May. The money raised will help us to purchase new sports equipment and improve levels of physical activity in our school!



Bikeability

The Year 5 children successfully completed their Bikeability Level 2 this week – well done!

SATS

Next week (commencing Monday 11th May) is SATS week for our Year 6 pupils. The exams will take place from Monday to Thursday in the morning. Please ensure to have your children in school on time to minimise disruption in the corridor.

Year 6 Handball Tournament

A gentle reminder, Tuesday (12th May) is the deadline for your child to participate in the Atlas Handball Tournament on Friday at Painswick Rugby Club. The event begins at 09:30 however please ensure your child is onsite for 09:15 for the safety briefing. It will finish by 12:00 when your child needs collecting and returning to school. If your child wishes to have a school dinner, on their return, this will need to be ordered in advance of Friday.

ELSA

Mrs Adamson (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) has successfully completed her training and is now a qualified ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant).

ELSA is a national programme of staff training to support children and young people with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs. It was first developed in Hampshire by Educational Psychologist, Sheila Burton and is well researched and evidence based.

ELSAs are trained to plan and deliver programmes to support the emotional needs of pupils. Areas of support can include social skills, bereavement, emotional literacy, self-awareness, coping strategies and developing resilience.

If you feel your child may benefit from such support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

[About ELSA – ELSA Network](#)

Music Lessons

A gentle reminder, we currently have three external music teachers who visit the school: Jo (Piano), Richard (guitar) and Saffron (violin and trumpet). Jo currently has two spaces and Richard can accommodate lots! Please do let me know if your child is interested in starting lessons.

Snacks

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

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.

Summer Fair

Don't forget tickets are available to buy now using this link:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friends-of-brimscombe/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=114575>

It is set to be a fantastic event where we will hopefully raise lots of money to enhance your child(ren)'s school experience.

The link also includes a volunteer page. Even if you can only spare one hour it would be an incredible help.

FOBS

Please see the wonderful new FOBS noticeboards for all FOBS related events and information.

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