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Dear Parents

New Reception Children

It was lovely to welcome our new children who visited on Tuesday and Wednesday with a parent this week and we look forward to seeing them again in a fortnight's time.

Year 2 Children

Our older children met their new teachers on a few occasions this week, giving them time to get to know one another. They will make their first visit to the Juniors on Monday 1st July.

Recycled Planters and Open Gardens

Thank you for all of the fantastic planters which came to school this week. It is evident that a lot of time and effort went into the thought process and the actual making. We really do appreciate so many families participating. There are some very inventive ideas and names, making it very difficult to choose which ones will be incorporated in our Gardening Olympics stand, but the winners have now been chosen and they are:

Reception - Harry Meadows

- Louise Moore

Year 1 - Ruby Welsford

- Oliver Boucher

Year 2 - Sol Leyland

- Jasmine Lakin

Well done to the above children as these and a selection of other planters will be taken to the Gardening Olympics at Shobnall on Saturday 29th June.

Remember, you can also come and view all the planters more closely and stay for a drink and biscuit on Sunday between 1 - 5pm, when we open for Open Gardens.

Reception Visit to Plantasia



Well somehow the Reception Plantasia trip always manages to fall on a dreary day but the children's spirits didn't seem to be dampened. A good time was had by all and the children all behaved exceptionally well. Well done Reception and thank you to the staff and volunteers.

Summer Fair and Sports Day

Unfortunately, as with the last few summers, our weather is very unpredictable, therefore it is impossible to say at this stage whether our Sports Day will be taking place next Thursday (27th June). We have all fingers and toes crossed that the weather will stay fine for us but we will look at the forecast on Wednesday afternoon and decide if we can proceed or not. If we have to cancel then we will text parents late Wednesday afternoon. Our reserve date for Sports Day would then be Tuesday 2nd July. Please remember that the Summer Fayre will go ahead on Thursday 27th June whatever the weather!

Children are requested to wear black shorts and a T-shirt of their team colour: Robins - red, Penguins - Blue, Swans - yellow and Owls - green. Please be aware, at the moment many children are borrowing PE kit from school but on Sports Day there won't be enough spare items to go around.

Parents are welcome to arrive from 1.15pm but we ask that you sit well back from the track side and away from the Elizabethan garden area, as this is where the finish line will be and it gets extremely busy with staff and competitors.

After the sports all children will return to classes where they will be released to parents in the usual way. The summer fair will begin when all children have been collected to allow for the adults to return to 'man' the stalls. Additional help is still required to run stalls or to help set up at lunch time, so if you are able to help for even half an hour then please speak to a member of the PTA or a member of staff. These events cannot run without your help and we really do appreciate it.

Many thanks for your kind donations for the tombola stalls.

If anyone is bringing cakes for the cake stall then these can be brought in to school on the Thursday morning and be taken straight to the hall. Thank you in advance.

New Classes for September

Below is a list of which classes will be moving to which teacher and teaching assistant next year. The staff look forward to getting to know the children and their families.

Current Class Teacher in September TA in September

RL Mrs Walker Mrs Preston

RR Mrs Smith Mrs Byers

1W Mrs Kelly Mrs Osborne

1S Mrs Moore / Mrs Evans Mrs Atkinson

Please note that Mrs Moore teaches 2M on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Evans teaches 2M on Thursday and Friday.

On Monday 8th July we will be holding meetings for parents to learn a little more about their child's new year group and how it will differ to this year. These will be held at the following times.

9.15 am for new year 1 parents (current Reception parents)

2.30 pm for new year 2 parents (current Year 1 parents)

We anticipate these meetings to run for approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to 40 minutes.

The new teachers will be spending time observing the children in their current classes over

the next few weeks in order to find out as much about the children as possible before September and will also be teaching their new class for the morning on Thursday 18th July.

Year 2 Music Lessons

If you think you may be interested in paying for your year 2 child to learn to play either the keyboard or the violin one lunchtime a week next year then Mr Atterbury and Mrs Omer are inviting you along to a keyboard and violin concert (respectively) to watch our current year 2 musicians perform and find out a little more. Parents of our current musicians are also welcome to attend. The keyboard concert is on Tuesday 9th July at 2.30pm and the violin concert is yet to be confirmed.

Stamp Competition

On the 28th June all children will receive a piece of paper inviting them to design a Christmas stamp for a national competition. Although Christmas seems such a long way off, if your child would like to enter please ensure they are back in school for 8th July. There are 120 money prizes ranging from £100 to £1000 for your child and school. Thank you.

Final Parents Evening

An open evening is to be held on Thursday 11th July 3.30 - 5.30pm for parents who wish to discuss their child's report. Individual appointments are not given for this evening, but your child's class teacher will be available should you wish to chat with her.

Parking

Can we remind parents that they must be aware of their own children at the end of the school day and take full care and responsibility. If dropping at Barton Badgers in the morning please do not use the school car park as staff and visitors are arriving for the day. Thank you.

Workers of the Week

Our well deserving children for 'Worker of the Week' this week are:

2K - Ella Cooper for fantastic instruction writing using 'bossy verbs' (imperative verbs)

2M - Hamaiz Hussain for fantastic story writing

1W - Noah Evans for thinking of a super story starter

- Jack Butler for fabulous maths work

1S - Evelyn Hawksworth for always working hard in everything she does

Keep up the super work children!

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Thank you to everyone who made film night a success once again by offering their time to come along and supervise. Even the chap who runs the film commented on how well behaved the children were (and he must see an awful lot of schools to compare us to) so thank you and well done to the children.

Kind regards
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