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**Staff News** 

Congratulations to Mrs Rever who is expecting her first baby in November and will be taking her maternity leave in the next school year. We wish Mrs Hind all the best as she begins her maternity leave later this month and thank Miss Boxall for stepping in as class teacher for 2H until the end of term.

**Sports Days** 

The days and times for sports days are outlined below. All children will need full PE kit for the duration of this week as there will be many practices and 'run throughs' before each session. We keep our fingers crossed for fine weather. If it is sunny, please ensure that your child has a hat, extra water bottle and that sun cream is applied before school. We will notify parents on the day if a sports session has to be postponed due to inclement weather. As parents, you are welcome to come along to spectate. Please help us by keeping back from the barriers to allow us to monitor the events and to ensure the safety of the pupils. If parents crowd, it becomes more and more difficult to do this and it is paramount that the pupils' safety come first!

Year 1 and 2 - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June Early Years - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June Year 3 and 4 - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June Year 5 and 6 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Early Years, Year 1 and 2 and Year 3 and 4 parents are welcome to come and support their children during the afternoon session from 2pm-3pm.

Year 5 and 6 are inviting parents to join them for a picnic lunch on the school field from 12.45pm until 1.30pm and then to support their children during the rest of the afternoon in their sporting events, finishing at 2.30-3pm.

Mrs Watson's weekly catch up

I have really been enjoying my weekly catch up sessions with the Early Years and Key Stage 1 children. It has been lovely to hear about all their favourite lessons and what they enjoy about school, we have also had some great suggestions of different activities they would like to do in school and at break times to make their school days even better.





Supporting your child with Maths in KS1

After the success of the 'Supporting your child with reading and writing in KS1' course last half term, we are now starting a 'Supporting your child with Maths in KS1' course for Year 1 and 2 parents. The course will run every Wednesday from the 13<sup>th</sup> June to the 11<sup>th</sup> July (excluding 4<sup>th</sup> July) at 9.30-12pm. If you are interested in booking a place on the course please contact the school office.

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**School Value** 

The school value for this half term is Community.

May's Attendance Our overall whole school attendance figure for last month was 96%. The KS1 award went to class 2H who achieved 98.5% attendance and the KS2 award to 6S, who achieved a fantastic 96.2% attendance, for the month of May.

End of Year Assemblies A reminder that the end of year celebration assemblies will be held during the last few days of term, they will be as follows:

Early Years - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am Year 1 - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 9.20am Year 2 - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 10am Year 3 - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 9.20am Year 4 - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 10am Year 5 - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 9.20am Year 6 - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2pm



Sun Care

During periods of hot weather please ensure that your children are coming to school with sun cream already applied. They may also need to wear sun hats and bring extra drinks

We look forward to celebrating your children's achievements from this school year with

Summer Holiday Childcare Scheme you.

A reminder that you can now book places for school summer holiday care. The scheme will run Monday to Friday for from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to the 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

Bookings and general enquires should be made to Get Active as this is not a school run scheme. Please visit:

http://www.getactivesports.com/courses/holiday-camps/

**Road Safety** 

We have had reports of some near misses on Stomp Road both before and after school. This road is extremely busy at these times of day and can be dangerous when walking along and crossing, if care is not taken.

Can you please ensure your children are aware of road safety and pay close attention to crossing the roads with care.

If your child is walking a younger sibling to or from school, they must be taking responsibility for the safety of both themselves and their sibling's.

We also ask that you DO NOT use the school car park entrance to drop off children, please respect that the entrance is used for teachers to enter and exit the school. It is also used by parents and children as a crossing into the school grounds, so for safety reasons with small children crossing we ask that it is kept clear of cars during the busy

pick up and drop off times.

during really hot periods.

**GDPR Privacy Notice** 

The schools privacy notice has been updated on the school website, in line with the new GDPR regulations.

**Reading Lists** 

Reading Lists for individual year groups are now live on the school website. You can find these in the parents section, under Helping your child, Books to try. Happy Reading!

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### What have we been up

We really enjoyed our school trip to Windsor Castle! This trip helped us in our history lessons. We learnt about the features and rooms in a castle and we explored the life of Queen Elizabeth II.



to in Year 1?





Our art topic this half term has been inspired by Claude Monet. We used his painting 'The Japanese Bridge' to help us make our own lily pads using watercolours. We learnt how to blend our colours just like Monet did.

In English, We have been reading the story of 'Edward the Emu'. We have sequenced the story, written character descriptions and factfiles about emus. We have also started editing and improving our own work as we begin to approach Year 2.





We have worked on many maths skills this term including position and direction. We created a lifesize treasure map in our classrooms and directed a partner around using ½ and ¼ turns to the left and right.

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### Safeguarding and E-safety

#### NSPCC - Online games: helping children to play safe

Gaming can be a great way for young people to relax, socialise with their friends and have fun. Children can play on games consoles, apps or websites, and chat to other players or watch them play through <u>live-streaming</u>. But there are some dangers. And with so many games available online, it can be hard for parents to know how to keep their child safe. That's where we can help. Our tips and advice will keep you up-to-date with the most popular online games, help you decide what's appropriate for your child - and help them play safely

#### What are the risks of online gaming?

- Children may view inappropriate or upsetting content if they play games that aren't suitable for their age. This could include sexual or violent material. It might be in-game content or produced by other players.
- Some players can be abusive towards others or try to exclude them from the game. Some players may also hack another user's account or try to steal and destroy their virtual possessions. This can be as upsetting for a young person as if it happened in real life
- Children may play with adults they don't know. People of all ages play games. Some adults may exploit this and try to build an emotional connection with a child for the purpose of grooming
- Some children may find it hard to stop playing games or find that gaming is getting the way of them doing other activities.

#### 5 ways to help children play safe

#### 1. Check the game's content

Always check age ratings but remember they don't cover everything. It's important to check the game out yourself before letting a young child play it. If you want extra information about the content of a boxed console or computer game, take a look at the Video Standard's Council's Additional Consumer Information (ACI).

### 2. Know how to mute, block and report

Help children understand that people they meet online may not always be who they claim to be. Some games let you mute, block and report other users. Make sure your child knows how to do this if someone in the game upsets them or makes them feel uncomfortable. Childline has <u>online gaming advice</u> to help them do this. Remind your child they can come to you if they're ever worried.

#### 3. Be Share Aware

Remind your child not to give out any personal information, photos or videos to anyone online, even if they know them. If your child plays games with people they don't know, remind them not to take the conversation off the game, onto other social networks or into a private chat.

#### 4. Activate safety settings

Turn on <u>parental controls</u> on gaming consoles to help prevent children from downloading age inappropriate games or seeing harmful material.

The Apple App Store lets you turn off in-app purchases on iPads and iPhones. And The Apple App Store and Google Play let you create a pin code that must be entered before you buy.

You can also turn on privacy settings on some games to control what other users can see about you and stop strangers from contacting you. Contact the O2 & NSPCC Online Safety Helpline for free on <u>0808 800 5002</u> for advice on how to do this.

#### 5. Keep the conversation going

<u>Have regular conversations</u> with your child about staying safe online. Agree what games are suitable for them to play and help them understand why others are inappropriate. Talk to them about the types of games they may be watching on game streaming sites.

Remind them they should tell a trusted adult, like a teacher or parent, if they see or hear something that upsets them when gaming. And they can talk to <u>Childline</u> for free 24 hours a day if they're ever worried.

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### **Term Dates**

Summer Term 2018 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Inset Days Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July Early May Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Future Term Date 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018 Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Inset Day Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Spring Term 2019 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Inset Day Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Summer Term 2019 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July
Inset Day Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

May Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

### **Diary Dates**

School football teams Reading FC visit Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Netball Team Match vs Priory Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm

New Early Years Parent Meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 6pm

Teddy Bears Picnic Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Girls and Boys football vs St Nics Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Phonics Screening Week Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June

**Year 6 Cycle Training** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Last day of clubs Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Optional consultation week Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> July

Business Week Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Business Week Selling Afternoon Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Holiday Childcare Scheme dates - run Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

by GetACtiveSports

#### 2018 Residential Trip Dates

Year 5 to Shortenills 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Year 6 to PGL Weymouth 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Please note that all dates are subject to change.