



Summer Term 2016

Friday 22nd April 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term is here already and we have lots of events to look forward to and hopefully some sunshine, particularly for our Year Fours and Fives who are off to learn to be spies in the Wye Valley next week!

A big congratulations to our pupils who entered the Oundle Festival of Music and Drama last week. The children, from Year One upwards, performed in front of judges and an audience in the prepared reading, verse speaking and solo singing classes. Public speaking and performing is such a great skill for our pupils to be developing and I was proud of the bravery and confidence they demonstrated.



Well done to Sam Sherwin, Annika Eberle, Amelia Eberle, Annabel Shardlow, Tilly Stephen-Smith and Millie Tadman who gained two third places between them as well as lots of highly commended and a particular well done to Lucas Morgan for getting a first place for his solo singing.

As I 'tweeted' at the end of last term, we also have some talented writers among our pupils. A huge well done to all the finalists at the Oundle Festival of Literature writing competition, namely Tilly Stephen-Smith and Oliver Robinson (both 2nd place), Emily Samuel and Sam Sherwin (both 3rd place) and Poppy Harrison (4th place). Brilliant achievements!

A big thank you to Mrs Coulthard for her invaluable part in all of the above!

Katherine Towns
Head

Fixed Penalty Notices for Term Time Absence

As many of you know, term time absence without a valid reason, e.g. illness, means absence is recorded as unauthorised and goes on a child's record. However, Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) have generally not used its powers to issue fines unless this unauthorised absence was ten days or more. However, as from April 22nd 2016, NCC is changing its policy on unauthorised absences. The time frame for parents receiving a fixed term penalty notice has reduced from ten to five days or 10 sessions. A letter is due to be issued shortly providing more detail on this and we will send it out to parents when we receive it.

Assemblies

Our assembly theme is currently focused on two of our Learning Dinosaurs; Explorasaurus and Thinkosaurus. Explorasaurus has a growth mindset and more can be read about this by googling 'growth mindset' or Carol Dweck.

Thinkosaurus focuses on challenging yourself, problem solving and trying new ways if the first way doesn't work ... not quite try, try, try again ... more try and then try again differently!

Miss Vickers delivered some assemblies in the Spring Term on the Rights of the Child and is continuing to focus on this theme. More information can be found by visiting <http://www.unicef.org/crc/> or doing an internet search for 'Rights of the Child'.

Cross

Last week, as part of a busy Health Week, the children produced artwork to make our new cross for the hall. The cross will include pictures of all our children and also words to describe our vision and values for the school.

The cross is in the process of being displayed so do come and have a look once it is completed.

Space 'Rocket'

Red Kites class are involved in a very exciting experiment and are growing rocket seeds that were taken into space by Tim Peake (or some of them were.)

We are growing two different packs, following strict guidelines, as part of a national experiment and will be reporting the results back at the end of the experiment (possibly not directly to Tim Peake but we live in hope!)

More information can be found at <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Competitions/Rocket-Science-Experiment-Overview>

Sports News

Mrs Taggart's Change4Life Club for Reception, Year One and Two children begins on Monday 25th April. Bookings should be made through Mrs Sawyer in the office.



Tennis Anyone?

Oundle Tennis Club invites families to play in its 2nd Annual Quorn Family Cup to be held on Sunday 1 May from 1 - 5 pm.

This is a red ball event for family doubles teams. Teams must meet the age requirements of a child born 1 Sept '05 or later + a family partner born 31 Aug '97 or earlier. (A family partner can be any parent, carer, guardian, step-parent, co-parent, uncle, sibling, grandparent and so on.) Each match will be timed (under 5 minutes each) and be played on a mini court with underhand serving. Teams will play several matches during the day with a Veggie BBQ snack break and fun competitions such as: most colourful team uniforms, best service grunt, most epic high-five, coolest team name & Adults v Kids Skittles to the Death!

As the day progresses, the runner-up and winning teams will wow the crowds, with the winners progressing onto a regional grass-court event later in the season.

Come give it a go at Oundle Tennis Club!

A voluntary £10 entry fee will be collected for donation to a charity of the kid's choice. Enter by 29th April at the Tennis Club Clubhouse or by e-mail to pr@oundletennis.org A rain date of Sunday 8 May from 1 - 5 pm has been scheduled.

Dates for the Diary



May Singing

On **Wednesday 11th May**, the children will be singing their traditional May songs around the village, weather permitting. If it is very wet, it will take place on Thursday 12th May. As always, parents are very welcome to join us. We will aim to leave school at 9.15 a.m. All the children should wear school uniform as usual and ensure they bring their coats. **Traditionally, the girls carry flowers and the boys carry either flowers or a May stick (a stick wrapped in flowers and greenery) that they will need to bring to school that morning.** As part of the singing, we raise money for the Jo Homan charity that sponsors education for deprived children in India. After singing, we stop at the churchyard and some of the children like to leave their flowers there. If you would like your child to bring their flowers back to school with them, please let their class teacher know. We will finish the morning at Sally Nolan's garden in the village, who very kindly provides a drink and biscuit for all the children.

....and May Dancing!

Glaphorn School's May Fete is on **Saturday 14th May**. The fete begins with May singing and dancing around the Maypole, with a little new surprise from our Year Five pupils! All the children should be in school by 1.45p.m. dressed smartly in their own clothes and wearing shoes that they can dance in. If you have any questions about the arrangements or **your child will not be there, please let your child's teacher know** as soon as possible as it will have a significant impact on the dance if children are unexpectedly absent.

After the Maypole dancing is the book-themed fete with lots of different activities on offer. Watch out for more information from FOGS about this.

Whole School Sports Evening - Tuesday 14th June at 6 p.m. at Southwick Cricket Ground.

End of Year Performance - Tuesday 12th July at 2 p.m. and Wednesday 13th July at 6 p.m.

Day	During School	After School
Monday 25 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming for Year One upwards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change4Life Club Cheerleading Club
Tuesday 26 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running Club Cricket for Y3, 4 & 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis Club
Wednesday 27 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Kites Class to Wye Valley Gardening Club Brass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Club
Thursday 28 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Kites in Wye Valley Strings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Club
Friday 29 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Kites return from Wye Valley Family Group French Woodwind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hockey Club

Week beginning Monday 2nd May - Year 2 tests will take place during May

Day	During School	After School
Monday 2 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Holiday - School Closed 	
Tuesday 3 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running Club Cricket for Y3, 4 & 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis Club
Wednesday 4 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Health Screening Red Kites to Triathlon Event Gardening Club Brass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Club
Thursday 5 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Club
Friday 6 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Group French Woodwind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hockey Club

Week beginning Monday 9th May - Year 2 tests will take place during May

Monday 9 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming for Year One upwards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change4Life Club No Cheerleading Club
Tuesday 10 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running Club Cricket for Y3, 4 & 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis Club
Wednesday 11 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May Singing Gardening Club Brass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Club
Thursday 12 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Club Y3/4 Hockey Tournament
Friday 13 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Group French Woodwind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hockey Club
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