



Dear Parents

I am sending the newsletter on Thursday this week as:

THERE IS NO SCHOOL TOMORROW!

This is not a staff training day so there will be no staff on site, please check that your child has brought home all their belongings. As you know, we are tight on space and items that are left lying around for more than a couple of weeks will be disposed of.

So we bid farewell to another half term and the weather is looking lovely for the extra-long weekend – what a bonus! We have a lot planned for the next half term: trips, sports events, healthy school week, Dads and Granddads week, sports day.... to name but a few. Please keep an eye on the 'dates' section at the end of the newsletter every week and alternatively, see our website that Mrs McKenzie updates regularly.

I was very impressed with the excellent Maypole dancing yesterday – it is so wonderful to be able to have every child taking part in an event and extra special thanks to June Millman who completely takes charge of all the organising! Of course, it wouldn't be any fun without an audience – thank you to everybody who came to watch and make it a real community day. Thanks also to anybody involved with the refreshments – whether it be making tea, serving, setting up, packing away, providing the cakes and scones – many hands make light work as they say!

SUMMER

The sunny weather has suddenly arrived and I have noticed that more children are bringing their water bottles to school – well done! There are still many children who do not have a water bottle in school however – please could you get something over the half term so that EVERY child has access to water at all times – especially important when we go up to the field at lunchtimes and for PE when we don't have any access to the water coolers.

Sunhats – another necessity. We encourage the children to wear hats outside to protect them from too much sun. If they are wearing a sunhat, I don't think sunglasses are necessary as well so we won't be encouraging these. On particularly sunny days, children not wearing hats will be advised to spend time in the shade.

Sun cream – this should be applied at home, before coming to school in the morning. Bottles of sun cream in school are not advised – children get in an awful mess trying to put this on and there is not time for adults to be applying sun cream.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Please fill up as many bags as possible – they basically earn the PTFA 'free-money' and saves everyone a job by getting rid of the old stuff tasking up space.

I will be filling up a bag from the unclaimed lost property so please have a look at this pile before you leave today!

Lee White
Head of School

School Diary Dates

Our forthcoming events and diary dates are on our website listed in the *School Diary* section.

Should your child be participating in a particular event or visit, then more specific details from your parent letter can be viewed online by clicking on the relevant event, this will then display the letter content.

| MAY | |
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| Fri 26th | NON-PUPIL DAY / OCCASSIONAL DAY |
| 29TH MAY – 2ND JUNE INCLUSIVE HALF TERM | |
| JUNE | |
| Mon 5th | NON-PUPIL DAY - Teacher Training Day |
| Tues 6 th | Y5/Y6 Quad Kids Athletics Final (team event) – 4.00pm to 6.00pm, parents to transport |
| Thurs 8 th | Class Photographs |
| Thurs 8 th | PTFA Meeting Yarty class – 3.30pm |
| Fri 9 th | Y1/Y2 Federation Swim Gala (team event) |
| w/c 12 th | Y1 Phonics Screening |
| Tues 13 th | Y3/Y4 Quad Kids Athletics (team event) – 4.00pm to 6.00pm, parents to transport |
| Wed 14 th | Y6 Canoe Day (specific group only) - PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport |
| Thurs 15 th | Y5/Y6 Aquathlon Competition (team event) – 2.00pm to 4.00pm, parents to transport |
| Fri 16 th | Y5/Y6 Outdoor Activity Day – PACKED LUNCH |
| Fri 16 th | Axe class Donkey visit (selected pupils) |
| Fri 16 th | Charity Walking Quiz (Family evening event) – Raising funds for Hospiscare (Honiton) |
| Tues 20 th | PTFA Bag2School Textile Fundraiser – drop off by 9.00am at the Baptist Church |
| Tues 20 th | Y3/Y4 High 5's Netball training (team event) – 4.00pm to 5.15pm, parents to transport |
| Wed 21st | Woodroffe - Transition day for Y6 pupils |
| | Axe Valley Academy – Small schools transition day Y6 pupils |
| | R-Y5 Transition morning |
| | New Reception (September 2017 intake) children visiting 10.00am to 12.45pm (packed lunch) |
| Tues 27 th | Y4-Y6 Move – Make – Motivate (selected pupils) – Time TBC, parents to transport |
| Tues 28 th | Y3/Y4 High 5's Netball training (team event) – 4.00pm to 5.15pm, parents to transport |
| Wed 28th | Axe Valley Academy - Transition day for Y6 pupils |
| Wed 28th | Colyton Grammar - Transition day for Y6 pupils |
| Thurs 29 th | PTFA Whole School Trip – PACKED LUNCH |
| Fri 30 th | Axe class – Federation EYFS Sports day – PACKED LUNCH |
| JULY | |
| w/c Mon 3 rd | Dads & Grandads in school week Healthy School Week |
| Tues 4 th | Sponsored Walk (Whole School) – PACKED LUNCH |
| Wed 5 th | Y6 Life Skills – PACKED LUNCH / Parents to collect |
| Wed 5 th | Y5 Play Leader Training – PACKED LUNCH |
| Fri 7 th | Axe class Donkey visit (selected pupils) |
| MON 10TH | AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINAL WEEK |
| Tues 11 TH | Y5/Y6 Sports Festival – PACKED LUNCH |
| Wed 12 th | Y6 PE Academy Activities Day (existing academy pupils) – PACKED LUNCH |
| Fri 14 th | Y5/Y6 Federation Sports Day (team event) |
| Tues 18 th | SPORTS DAY – 1.30pm |
| Thurs 20 th | Federation Singing Extravaganza (class/year groups TBC) |
| Fri 21 st | Axe class Donkey visit (selected pupils) |
| Fri 21 st | Reserve Sports Day |
| Tues 25 th | Y6 Leavers' Assembly 1.45pm (Village Hall) Y6 Leavers' Tea Party 2.30pm |
| Wed 26 th | Last day of term |

Axminster Heritage Centre

Pupils are invited to a **free drop-in workshop** at the Axminster Heritage Centre on Thursday 1st June between 10.30 and 1pm. They will learn how to 'felt fossils' and be able to take them home!