





26 May 2023

What a glorious final week we have enjoyed bringing the first half of summer term to an end. Not only has the sun shone to enable a few dips in the swimming pool and every playtime on the field, we have also hosted a sunny Stay and Play session in Reception and a Window of Learning event in Year 1. Year 2 also enjoyed the challenge of an additional Sports Day with Years 3 and 4 on Monday afternoon which forms part of supporting their transition to Prep in September. The week has ended with a metaphorical drum roll as we revealed the parts for the Summer Show this afternoon. It is a joy to be working such an enthusiastic bunch of children who are literally fizzing with excitement about performing for you all at the end of the term. Year 2 have been given scripts with their lines to learn highlighted and, as ever, we really appreciate the support from home to help them learn these off by heart. The songs from the show should also be 'live' on Seesaw so the children can practise them at home too.

Let's hope the weather remains just as glorious after the half term break!

Summer Show Costumes

As we have a plethora of pirates in this year's show, we are hoping you will be able to help with costumes as detailed below. We would be grateful if costumes could be sent to school in clearly named bags by Friday 16 June.

Nursery 1 & 2: black or navy-blue shorts and a stripy t-shirt

Reception: 'pool party' clothes (e.g., bright shorts/tops)

Year 1 and 2 Pirates: jeans* and a stripy t-shirt

Year 2 Narrators: colourful beach clothes

Year 2 Announcers: white school shirt

*if jeans could be 'cut offs' or zig-zagged at the bottoms in true 'piratey' fashion that would be great but there is no expectation to cut a pair of perfectly good jeans!

Welcome Afternoon

We are looking forward to our shuffle up afternoon on Monday 12 June when all the children will spend time in their September rooms and classes. A reminder that parents of children stepping up to Nursery 2 are welcome to join staff and children in Little Wood from 3pm and parents of children stepping up to either Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are invited to an informal presentation in the Arts Centre at 2.45pm followed by an opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher over a cup of tea.

Class lists will be emailed to parents on the morning of Monday 12 June.

Hobbies and Supervision will run as normal from 3.30pm.

A reminder that children in Year 2 whose parents are attending the Y3 presentation at 4.45pm on Monday 12 June are welcome to join TT Club (free of charge) but MUST be booked in via the main school office as per normal procedures.

Informal Concert

This term's concert is due to take place on Tuesday 13 June at 3.30pm in the Arts Centre. Peripatetic music staff will be nominating children to perform just after half-term. We will list the names of those children in the next edition of this newsletter as their parents will be invited to watch.

Prize Day Creche

We will be running a crèche in Little Wood on Friday 30 June for Pre-Prep siblings of children in Prep for the duration of the Prize Day ceremony. Please let me know as soon as possible if you need to make use of this facility. It is important children are registered in order I can assure correct staffing ratios are adhered to.

Year 2

After a year of learning to play the violin in their music lessons, Mr Dayus-Jones and Mrs Driscoll would like to invite you to a performance on Tuesday 13 June in the Arts Centre at the following times:

2K: 2.15pm

2H: 2.45pm

Summer 2 Diary Dates

5 June: Summer term resumes

12 June:

- Step-Up Afternoon for children moving from Nursery 1 to Nursery 2.
- Shuffle-Up Afternoon for children in Nursery 2 (moving onto Reception), Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- Year 2 to Year 3 'next steps' meeting for Year 2 parents at 4.45pm in The Rose Garden

13 June: Y2 violin performance / Pre-Prep Informal Concert, 3.30pm in the Arts Centre

15 June: Nursery 'Stay and Play', 2pm

16 June: No TT Club

22 June: Open Ballet lessons in the Arts Centre at 3pm for Nursery & Reception and at 3.30pm for Year 1 and 2

23 June: Y2 Big Sleepover, 6pm (details to follow)

26 June: Country Dance Display for parents of children who attend this hobby, 4pm, Woodard Room

28 June: Final Assembly, 2.45pm (Y2 parents invited)

29 June: Pre-Prep Summer Show and Sports Day *Term ends for ALL Pre-Prep pupils (Nursery included) at approximately* **12.30pm after the final Sports Day race has been run**

30 June: Prize Day creche for Pre-Prep siblings of children in Prep

Lunch Menu

Week 1

Merits and Achievements

Our Merit Badge tin is looking rather empty and lots of children tell me they have quite a collection of them in their homes. Please could any past merit badges be returned in order we have a sufficient supply to award to deserving children each week. Thank you!

Congratulations to the following children who have 'Reached for the Stars' and achieved:

Silver Award: Branok, Humphrey, Paul, Rory

Reception K: A Class Merit for super Talk 4 Writing storytelling. Individual Merits: Clementine and Otto

Reception H: Rufus and Talitha Year 1G: Belle, Humphrey, Otto and Wilfie Year 2K: Arthur, Gabriel and Rufus Year 2H: Albert, Saffron and Thanos Pre-Prep Ambassador: Thanos Wishing you all a lovely half-term break,

Claire Luckhurst

Pelican Gallery



























































