July 11th 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exceptionally hot week in school. Thank you to families for sending your children into school with sun lotion applied, hats and water bottles. We will continue to monitor the heat and adapt our day accordingly to allow for plenty of time in the shade and plenty of water breaks. Let’s just hope the weather holds after the end of term!

**Anti-Bullying**

As part of our work to educate children on anti-bullying, we have recently held a couple of assemblies looking at the different roles that people might have when there is some group bullying behaviour going on. The Key Stage 2 children watched a video last week and we have discussed it again this week with KS1 children too. The video is available here to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcPzUW2GaiY>

Parents of Year 5 boys, please look out for a separate email on the same topic which you should have received today.

**Reports**

The end of year reports will be sent out to families via email this year. You will receive an email with a link to access the report. To access it, you will need to enter your child’s date of birth using the drop-down calendar. If you do not receive this email, please check your junk folders and, if it is not there, please contact the school.

**Country Dancing, Maypole Dancing and Choir**

We look forward to welcoming families of the school choir, Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 children to stay on the playground after they have dropped their children off on Monday morning. After the children have registered in their classes, they will come out to playground and perform their songs and dances for you. Even with the weather as it is, it should still be cool enough for dancing at that time of day!

**Toys in school**

A gentle reminder that we ask children not to bring in any toys/games/fidgets from home. This includes small magnetic balls which we have seen in school recently. These pose a particular threat to the safety of our younger children, so please make sure these are kept at home.

**Yr 2 Sleepover**

Last Friday, the Year 2 children enjoyed an exciting evening at school followed by a sleepover in the hall! I hope the children all enjoyed the adventure. Huge thanks to the staff who gave up their Friday night and the comfort of their bed to make this event happen!

**Foundation Stage visit to Cotswold Farm Park**

Despite the heat, the children had a wonderful day at the farm today. In between stops to cool off and have a drink in the shade, the children saw lots of different farm animals. They had the opportunity to feed sheep and goats, and bottle fed some lambs. The best part of the day was bouncing in the shade on the giant pillow!

**Year 6 leavers barbecue**

I hope the year 6 children and families enjoyed their celebrations yesterday after school. They enjoyed a dip in the pool, burgers and hotdogs alongside lots of lovely food provided by families and then a great game of rounders with parents (and the odd sibling) doing a sterling job of fielding. Thank you to all who attended, brought food and made the event so enjoyable.

**Wychwood’s Got Talent**

I’m sure many of you will already be aware that our annual talent competition, Wychwood’s Got Talent, the final of which is taking place next week on Thursday. We are all very excited to see the array of talent on show!

**Oliver!**

Next week the whole school will be heading down to New Beaconsfield Hall on Wednesday morning to watch the dress rehearsal of Oliver! performed by the Year 5 and 6 children and directed by Miss Rumsby.

We will be welcoming families to watch the show the same evening at 7pm.

**OPAL**

Thank you to the parents who have completed the survey about play. If you haven’t done so already, please take a moment to complete it by using this link:

<https://forms.gle/6x5rNqzxkyXqAT8k7>

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the children to use at playtimes. **We are no longer accepting donations until September** when we will let you know what we are looking for. In the meantime, we are preparing for the winter and looking to create storage for Welly boots. If this is something you may be able to help with, we would love to hear from you. We will be sending a separate email about that next week.

**From the PTA**

**Milton Village Fete Pimm's stall - Saturday 12th July**

The organisers of Milton village fete (which looks like it's going to be a brilliant afternoon!) have asked the PTA to run a Pimm's stall.

We are all set to be on Milton village green from 2-6pm serving iced Pimm's and would love to see you there.

It would also be great to have some extra pairs of hands to help throughout the afternoon - let Susie know on 07890 560379 if you would be happy to help for half an hour.

**Dates for the Diary**

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| **Date** | **Details** | **Who** |
| 14th July | Maypole and Country Dancing  Choir Performance | Year R, 1, 2, 3, 4 & Choir parents – after drop-off |
| 16th July | Year 5 & 6 Performance – 7pm | Year 5 & 6 Parents |
| 17th July | Wychwood’s Got Talent Final | All children |
| 18th July | Leaver’s service – Shipton Church 9:20am | Year 6 & Parents |
| 18th July | Last Day of term – 1.30pm Finish | All |
| 1st & 2nd September | Inset Days |  |
| 3rd September | Start of the Autumn Term | All |

**Birthday Book Donations**

Happy Birthday’s to Sofia & Lucia (Willow) and William (Rowan). Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you had a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Katy Gent

Headteacher

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