



Newsletter

2023-2024

Issue 1 – 8th September

Believe to achieve!

'Roots will grow down into God's love to keep us strong.' – EPH 3:17

This term's value focus is Friendship

Message from Mrs Walch

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to school for a new academic year. It has been so lovely to see the children heading back, looking taller and more grown up ready for a new year of learning! Although everyone has been brilliant, I'd like to particularly commend the new Reception starters for settling in so well, and the Year 3s for moving to a new site so seamlessly.

As the new year begins, I'd like to give the annual reminder that we are a nut-free school. This is especially important, as we do have a child with a nut allergy, so please make sure that no nuts are brought into school at all. This includes foods such as Nutella as well.

As part of the parent survey last year, many of you said that we didn't keep you updated about what your children are learning about. This made me reflect on how we can do this better. Each short term last year, we put the class Termly Learning Plans (TLP) onto the website for you to see, but after the survey I realised that this is no good if we don't tell you that we have done this! Therefore, this year I will try to make sure that I let you know when they are there, and include links to where you can find them. The pick and mix homework has also been put on the website, so that if you put your child's homework sheet in a very safe place, you will be able to see it on the website as well. (I hope it's not just me that puts things in really safe places!). Thank you for the helpful feedback.

Here are the links for the TLPs:

[Beech](#) - to be uploaded shortly

[Oak](#)

[Elm](#)

[Birch](#)

[Rowan](#)

[Willow](#) - to be uploaded shortly

Take care and God bless,

Mrs Walch



UPCOMING DATES

Monday 11th September

Willow swimming starts

Thursday 14th September

Individual & Sibling Photos

Wednesday 27th September

Early reading and phonics parent information evening, (more details to follow)

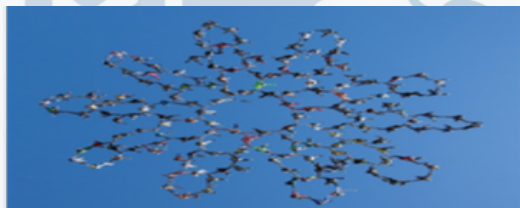
Thursday 28th September -

Provisional

Whole school harvest festival morning (more details to follow)

The Value of Friendship

We started off our term by thinking about an amazing group of people who broke a world record! Over 160 people (about the same number of children and adults in our school) worked together showing friendship when completing a skydive and creating the shape of a flower! We thought about how this wouldn't have been possible if they hadn't shown friendship towards each other, and how they didn't treat others differently within the group. We then saw the Bible quote 'A friend loves at all times' (Proverbs 17:17).



Well done to Lexi!

Over the summer holidays, Lexi had 30cm of her hair cut off to give to the Little Princess Trust. She managed to raise £510 as well. Amazing job, Lexi - well done!



Donations appreciated!

We are looking for a few items to add to our school resources. If anyone has any of the following that they could give us, we would be very grateful:

- small tyres for Beech outdoor area
- old working tablets and chargers (just need to access internet and take photos)
- wooden pallets
- old unused paintbrushes or rollers
- items for our Beech mud kitchen (saucepans, wooden spoons etc)

Grants

Do you work for a company that offers grants to schools? If so, please let us know! We would love to have some extra income this year for the exciting projects that we have planned.

last year, we were successful with the Dyson foundation, the Malmesbury Carnival Fund, The Woodland Trust and the Ramsbury English Hub. We also applied the the Foyles Foundation and the National lottery but we were unsuccessful with these. Even a few hundred pounds can be put to great use at school, and will allow us to provide even more for our children.

FURTHER DATES

See the next page for the provisional dates for the year.



Advance dates



We know that many of you like to be organised for the year ahead, and now that I have completed a full year here and know more about the school, Mrs Cross and I have organised many dates for the year in advance. The usual caveat is that we may need to change some dates, and the church ones are just provisional as we need to book these in. I hope to confirm the church dates in the next month, so that you have as much notice as possible. (See below for date list).

Wednesday 18th October - End of Term 1

Half Term - 19.10.23 to 27.10.23

Monday 30th October - TD Day - children not in school

Tuesday 31st October - Start of Term 2

Monday 6th November - Start of Rowan Class swimming lessons

Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th November - Parents Evenings

Friday 17th November - Children In Need

Thursday 30th November - Maths Information Evening for Parents - 6.00pm

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th December - Lower Site Christmas Productions

Thursday 14th December - Treasure Island - Barn Theatre Trip - to be confirmed

Thursday 14th December - Upper Site Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day - Whole School at Lower Site

Wednesday 20th December - End of Term 2

Christmas Holidays - 21.12.23-03.01.24

Thursday 4th January - Start of Term 3

Wednesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February - End of Term 3

Half Term - 12.02.24-16.02.24

Monday 19th February - Start of Term 4

Monday 19th February - Start of Birch Class swimming lessons

Tuesday 27th & Thursday 29th February - Parents Evenings

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th March - Y4 Residential Trip to Braeside

Tuesday 26th March - Easter Service - Whole School Day at Upper Site

Thursday 28th March - TD Day - Children not in school

Easter Holidays - 29.03.24-12.04.24

Monday 15th April - Start of Term 5

Monday 13th May - KS2 SATS week

Wednesday 22nd May - NextGen Class Photographs

Friday 24th May - End of Term 5

Half Term - 27.05.24-31.05.24

Monday 3rd June - Start of Term 6

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June - Y6 Residential Trip to Morfabay

Thursday 20th June - Induction Meeting for Parents of new Foundation Stage children

Friday 28th June - Sports Day

Thursday 4th July - Brinkworth Earl Danby's Summer Fete - 6-8pm

Friday 5th July - TD Day - Children not in school

Thursday 11th July - Shuffle Up Day

Friday 12th July - Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 17th July - End of Year Leavers Production - afternoon & evening performances

Tuesday 23rd July - End of Term 6



We need sleep to function but sleeping doesn't come with a manual. It can be confusing finding the right information and advice about sleep that you can trust. The Sleep Charity produces a wide range of evidence-based information on all aspects of sleep from triggers to treatments.

Whether you're experiencing a sleep issue or living with someone who has, it can feel overwhelming if you don't have the right information and support.

Sleep Tight Workshop

5 weeks, 2 hours per week

**September 11th, 18th, 25th,
October 2nd, 9th**

9:30am – 11:30am

Malmesbury Primary School Pod

Must be able to attend all sessions.

Places are limited to 10

This is the premier offering of this course
No children, please.

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Don't forget your teddy. *Zzzz*