



Newsletter

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Believe to achieve!

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

This term's value focus is Courage

Message from Mrs Walch

Dear Parents and Carers,

We came back to nicer weather last week, and now this week has turned cold and wet again - oh well, we can't put our winter wardrobes away just yet!

You may have noticed a new face around school last week and this week. Miss Smith has joined us from Lyneham Primary School to support us as Acting Assistant Head in Mrs Cross' continued absence. This has allowed the staff to have more capacity and support, and it means that I am not constantly rushing from one site to the other through the day.

Head bump update - we have had some feedback from parents that when we ring you to let you know that your child has bumped their head, it causes you to worry through the day as you can't see your child to know that they are alright. Therefore, we will stop ringing you to let you know of minor head bumps where we can see that your child is fine, but we will still send a slip home. We will still ring, however, when there is a more serious head bump, which can't wait until the end of the day to let you know.

I would like to say a huge thank you to BEDSA for organising the recent cake sale, and to you all for spending your money! BEDSA have reported that they raised the huge sum of £258.25 over the two sites, so well done to BEDSA for organising this.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support over the last few terms. Our situation at school at the moment is unprecedented, and we are working so hard behind the scenes to keep everything running as smoothly as we can. We know that there are always improvements and tweaks that can be made, so thank you to those parents who have given us suggestions and supportive advice with this; we really do appreciate it. The staff in school are amazing, and have pulled together even more to ensure that we continue to provide a good service, with everyone helping and supporting each other.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Walch



UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 5th March

Jonathans Jungle - Lower site

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Friday 8th March

BEDSA Book & Uniform Sale

Wed 13th-Fri 15th March

Y4 Residential Trip to Braeside

Friday 15th March

Oak Class Assembly - 9.00am

Thursday 21st March

Rowan Class Assembly 0 9.15am

Friday 22nd March

BEDSA Sponsored Event &
Boiled Egg Competition

Tuesday 26th March

Easter Service
Whole School Day at Upper Site

Wednesday 27th March

Last day of Term 4

Thursday 28th March

TD Day
Children Not in School

The Value of Courage

We have thought about all of the ways we need to show courage, from standing up to others, to having a go at something that we think might be difficult, and everything in between. The children shared some anecdotes about when they had to show courage, and at LS we looked at the story of David and Goliath- how brave David must have been to stand up to Goliath! We talked about the fact that we could come across a 'Goliath' in our life - something that feels almost impossible, but that we just have to have a go and see what we can achieve.

Pupils of the week

The following children have received certificates in the last few weeks: Isla D, Emily, Daisy G, Edward, Libby, Hollie, Seth, Sophie L, William, Alba, Xanthe, Rosemary, Teddy, Skylar, Daniel, Teagan, Monty, Hope, Cameron, Bethan, Charlie M, Eva, Eve, Donovan, Christopher, Brodie, Jaxon, Sophie, Freya and Finley.

Well done, everyone!

Spotlight on ... our lockdown procedure



All schools must have a lockdown procedure in place in case an intruder/animal enters the school, or something else happens that warrants this need. This is part of our safeguarding processes in school, and is one of the many things we do to keep our children safe. A few schools in Swindon recently had to lock down when there was a suspected gas leak nearby.

We will be introducing this procedure to our children in the next couple of weeks, and explaining that it is another way of keeping them safe. Some children may be worried by this, and so I am letting you know before the children, so that you can support your children through this. I will introduce the idea to them all together, then they will have time to discuss this with their class adults before we do the lockdown practice. There will be a bell or air horn sounded, different from the fire alarm, and at this point, the children will need to go under their tables and the adults will turn off the lights and shut the windows and blinds where appropriate. Once we have checked that it is safe, the 'all clear' will be indicated, for children to resume their learning.



Willow Class



Self Portraits



Advance dates



Any updated dates in the future will be marked in red for you to be able to identify them easily..

Easter Holidays - 29.03.24-12.04.24

Monday 15th April - Start of Term 5

Monday 13th May - KS2 SATS week

Wednesday 15th May - Beech Class Assembly - 9.00am

Tuesday 21st May - Oak Class Trip to Steam

Wednesday 22nd May - NextGen Class Photographs

Thursday 23rd May - Birch Class Assembly - 9.15am

Friday 24th May - BEDSA Disco & 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

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd July - Malmesbury School Transition Days

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

Thursday 18th July - Year 6 Leavers' Party

Tuesday 23rd July - Year 6 Leavers' Church Service - all of school at US in the morning

Tuesday 23rd July - End of Term 6

