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Newsletter 21

Dear Parents

Class 3 Gilbert White Sleepover

During the first week of term Class 3 along with Miss Biles, Mrs Rogers, Mrs Curd and Mrs Scannelli went to the Gilbert White Study Centre for a sleepover and to learn about rivers. They had a fabulous time although I'm not sure that much sleeping took place for some! They made clay creatures, cooked bread on sticks around a camp fire, examined owl pellets and went for a night walk on the evening they arrived. The next day they looked at features of rivers and enjoyed the sunshine. Thank you to Miss Biles for organising this visit and to the staff who spent the night away in tents! This is the first time that Year 3 and 4 have had the opportunity to have a residential visit and it was a great success and of course, we are waiting to hear whether the children have been successful in gaining their Green Blue Peter Badge, which they have applied for.

Class 3 group to The Vyne

A group of children went to The Vyne with Mrs Rogers to learn about birds. They visited the bird hide and saw lots of water birds including a heron and coots. They listened to different bird songs and identified feathers from different varieties of birds. The children were given an activity book about birds to complete back in school.

Tag Rugby Festivals

Both our tag rugby teams played in the Sparkling Rugby Festivals last week. Year 3 and 4 played on Thursday and won almost all of the matches in their pool and progressed through to the quarter finals. Year 5 and 6 played on Friday and they also won almost all of their pool matches, so they also progressed to the quarter finals. They won the match and played the semi-final but were finally beaten by a try in the last few seconds after a very close match. Well done to both teams, who both played really well as a team and were commended for their fair play and sportsmanship. Once again, thank you to Miss Biles for coaching the teams so successfully and thanks to the parents who were there to support the teams.

Football Competition

A group of Year 1 and 2 children went to the Brighton Hill Power League with Mrs Johnston to take part in a football competition. They took part in several matches and the extra coaching they had from the Basingstoke team coach really showed! The children played really well in the pool matches but were unfortunately beaten in the knock out stages.



Coaching in School

Due to the continued funding by the Government for sport in schools we are fortunate to be able to offer the children the opportunity of working with some specialised sports coaches again this term. Currently we have Class 4 having tennis coaching with Coach Ben, and Class 4 are also having gymnastics coaching with Coach Ashley. As well as the children benefitting from the specialised coaching it is also an opportunity for staff to develop their own teaching knowledge of the sports. Class 1 and 2 having cricket coaching as part of the Chance to Shine Programme.

Walk to School Week

Week beginning 21st May is National Walk to School Week. We support this initiative by encouraging as many children as possible to walk to school for the week. I appreciate that several families do not live within walking distance and it would not be practical to ask you to walk. As we do not want to prevent any children from taking part we will also include children who have walked from where you have parked your car. Your child will bring home further information about this nearer the time.

Data Protection and Privacy Notices (Fair Processing)

As part of the new GDPR coming into force later this month our Data Protection Policy has been renewed following county guidance and is now available on our website as well as an updated copy of our Privacy Notice.

Safety outside School

This morning there was a very near miss involving a child and a work van which was pulling out of Church Lane. Fortunately no one was injured on this occasion however, please could we ask you to be extra careful with your children when approaching Church Lane from the blind corner.

Forthcoming events:

Friday 4th May – Group of KS2 children to Sports Festival

Monday 7th May – School closed for bank Holiday

Tuesday 8th May – Group of children to Tennis Competition

Thursday 10th May – last Year 6 Booster session

Friday 11th May – May Festival 5-7pm

Monday 14th May – SATS week

7.30 School Association meeting

Monday 21st May – Walk to School Week

Tuesday 22nd May – Group of children to Trigolf Competition

7pm New Year R parents information evening

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Payne - Headteacher

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