



## May Newsletter

### Message from Mrs Williams

"Thank you all very much indeed for the flowers, gardening vouchers and all the other gifts given to me on the last day of term. It was most kind of you all."

### PTA News

Note from the editor: *every parent is a member of the PTA. There is a meeting in school at 7.30 tonight, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, and it would be wonderful to have a really good turn out. There are lots of plans for future funding raising and fun for the children to be discussed so please come along to find out what's going on and how you can be involved.*

### Governors

Staff and Governors held a party to say 'goodbye' to Mrs Williams at the beginning of the term and presented her with their gifts of membership to the Royal Horticultural Society and a digital photo frame with a memory stick loaded with photos of various school event - so that she won't forget us!

### School Council

Another successful cake competition was held which raised over £90. Well done everyone!

### Eco Team

Well done to everyone who entered the art competition - all the children's pictures will be on display in the church during the Fete on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Joint Eco Team and School Council event Bring and Buy sale on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 3.15 - more information to follow.

### Reminders

#### MEDICINES

It is school policy that members of staff only administer medicines that have been prescribed by a Doctor. Parents are asked to complete and sign a medical form which then allows staff to give the medicine at the appropriate time.

#### HAIR

Children with long hair should have it tied back. It is dangerous for it to be loose when doing any kind of sport and often when playing in the playground. It also looks much neater and is more hygienic!

#### SWIMMING

Remember - all children must wear a hat for swimming. We will be putting in a new order for them soon.

#### Swine Flu

The school has been monitoring the situation and following the advice from the County and the government. We don't anticipate having to close the school because of the flu and by now everyone will have received the government leaflet and hopefully following the advice given. However, this is a good time to remind everyone of our emergency planning. You will have received a copy of the plan when your child started school but it is also on our website and there is a copy on display in the school entrance. There is only one small difference in the plan, which should not affect you, in that we have abandoned our Cascade and now, in an emergency, members of staff will contact you directly. It is important that we have an up to date contact telephone number for you. If you need to update any such

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details it would be most helpful if you could email them to us - emails don't get mislaid the way small pieces of papers do!

### **Environmental Area**

We are delighted that our long awaited Environmental area is finally completed. It took a long time to achieve it and we are grateful to Lynn Timms for getting us the grant, to Mrs Cook for her 'vision' and to Toran Delaney of Elements of Nature [www.elements-landscapegardens.co.uk](http://www.elements-landscapegardens.co.uk) for doing such a fantastic job for us. We are having an official 'opening' on 15<sup>th</sup> June and would like to invite parents to come and have a look around it on the same day from 3pm.

### **Country Dancing at the Church Fete**

Please note that the date on the letter is the correct one - not the one on the green card. The date was changed after the diary of events had gone to print.

### **Maintenance morning**

An enormous thank you to the staff, their relatives and those of you who also came on Saturday morning. We got a lot of work done and saved the school a lot of money!

### **Village Cleanup**

On that note.. Next Sunday morning is Marsh Gibbon village clean up morning - arranged to happen after Club Day! We would be very pleased if anyone who has got some time to spare could join us at the village hall car park at about 10am to help tidy up the village.

### **Walk to School Week 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

The theme is 'Walking Together' to

emphasise the social benefits of walking to school with friends and relatives. For those of you who live out of the village why not leave your car in the village hall car park and walk from there? We have stickers for those who do!

### **Diary Dates**

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - walk to school week begins

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - Butterfly Green Park

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - break for half term

### **June**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - return from half term

Swimming starts

Tues/Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> - sculptor in residence

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - Bring and Buy Sale 3.15

Circus skills Children's Event 4.30

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> - Dancing at Church Fete

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - After school swimming starts

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Opening of Environmental area

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Last Athletics Club New intake meeting 7.30

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - Dragons Music Festival

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Owls Green Park

Sat/Sun 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Camping weekend

### **July**

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Roald Dahl festival

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Changeover Day

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> - Open Afternoon

Last day for After School Swimming

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Pig Roast

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> - End of Year Service

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Break for summer holidays