



Succeeding together - 'fostering a love of learning, within a nurturing Christian community, to bring out 'the best in everyone'

Newsletter 15 – Tuesday 3rd May 2022

	Term Begins	Term Ends	HALF TERM	Term Begins	Term Ends
Spring 2022	Wednesday 5 th January	Friday 18 th February		Monday 28 th February	Friday 8 th April
Summer 2022	Tuesday 26 th April	Friday 27 th May		Monday 6 th June	Tuesday 19 th July
Autumn 2022	Tuesday 6 th September	Friday 21 st October		Tuesday 1 st November	Tuesday 20 th December
Spring 2023	Wednesday 4 th January	Friday 10 th February		Monday 20 th February	Friday 31 st March
Summer 2023	Tuesday 18 th April	Friday 26 th May		Tuesday 6 th June	Friday 21 st July

Inset Days: Wednesday 20th July 2022, Friday 2nd September 2022, Monday 5th September 2022, Monday 31st October 2022, Monday 17th April 2023, Monday 5th June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors

Welcome back after the Easter break. It's been a lovely start to the summer term, with beautiful sunshine and exciting learning topics for the children. All the children have settled back into school with such enthusiasm for their learning.

Staff were in school for the Inset day, where we met to look at pupil data and ensure our curriculum is meeting the needs of all of our learners.

Bringing the school vision to life

What better way to start a new school history topic this term with Year 3 and Year 4 joining together for a fantastic Stone Age day. You will have noticed that on the first day back to school there were many children dressed up. Everyone looked absolutely fantastic! Thank you to all the parents for providing the amazing costumes. The Year 3 and Year 4 team had such a wonderful day. The children began their day with 'The Stone Age Stomp dance' and all activities were revealed by the tribe leaders Stan and Sue. (Miss Trafford and Miss Exley). The children were engaged in many activities throughout the whole day. Which included; hunting and gathering, shelter building, paint brush making, paint making and soap knapping. Lunch was also enjoyed down in the outdoor learning area and the children all had a chance to try a delicious Stone Age fruit stew too. We are all very proud of the children who showed so many skills and values throughout the day - teamwork, perseverance, kindness, super listening and great communication skills.

Playground Pals

Some of our Year 5 and Year 4 children will begin their Playground Pals training this Friday. We are looking forward to our new volunteers helping our younger children at break times. The Playground Leaders will be trained on how to encourage the younger children to play new games and they will make sure that everyone always has someone to play with

Book Sale

Before Easter the Year 6 house captains organised a book sale. Money raised from the sale will be going towards buying new books for our library. Thank you to all who bought in money to buy the books...every little helps.

Y6 SATs Week

Our Year 6 children will be sitting their Year 6 assessments each morning next week. Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May. The pupils have worked very hard this year and this week is an opportunity for them to show what they have learnt. As a reward for all their efforts we would like to invite all Year 6 children into school for a **free and delicious breakfast at 8am** in the hall before sitting their tests.

Children should enter the school hall via the wooden gate by the library.

The breakfast will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We feel this will help get their 'brains into gear' and give them a chance to settle in with some social time with their peers before heading up to the classrooms to prepare for the assessments.

The children will be able to come and enjoy a breakfast with their friends and then go into class on time with a positive frame of mind.

Parking and Drop Off

When collecting children from after school club, please do not use the school car park.

We ask that in the interest of everyone's safety the yellow zig-zag lines, outside the school, are kept free of any parking or quick drop offs. These are busy times of the day with both cars and people moving around and we want to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you.

Remote Learning

I am sure you are aware that the Covid-19 guidance for schools was withdrawn by the Government on 1st April as we have moved to a "living with" the virus stage. As such Covid-19 infections will be treated similarly to other common illnesses where time absent from school is required due to contagion (such as sickness bugs, chicken pox, etc.). Therefore, the requirement for schools to set home learning for Covid-19 absences has been removed.

The isolation period for children with Covid-19 is now only 3 days, so children are absent for a much smaller length of time than they would have been previously.

If children are absent from school with any illness, they should recuperate at home.

Covid Cases and Attendance

Covid cases are very low and we hope to get back to pre-pandemic rates of attendance. If your child is too poorly to attend school, then we appreciate your consideration of not sending them in but we also recognise the role punctuality and good attendance play in our children's happiness and achievements.

If you suspect that your child has or is diagnosed with any of the following illnesses, we ask that you inform the school immediately; Covid19, chicken pox - or variant, shingles, vomiting and diarrhoea.

Updated National Guidance

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

Year 4 Swimming sessions begin this week

On Wednesday 4th May, our Year 4 children will begin their swimming course. Please don't forget to bring your swimming kit to school; towel, swim wear, hat (children are unable to swim without a hat, and goggles (if you have signed and returned the permission slip.)

Preparing for Warmer and Sunnier Weather

As the weather gets warmer and hopefully sunnier over this term, please can you ensure your child comes to school every day with a bottle filled with fresh **water**. If needed, please apply sunscreen before school in the morning. The girls' summer uniform now includes red check playsuits. For Health and Safety reasons children should not bring sunglasses to school, instead a sunhat/cap can be worn when outside. Thank you for your support with this.

A Message from the PTA

Marsh Gibbon CE School has an active Parent Teacher Association with half-termly meetings, regular fund raising activities and children's events organised to enhance the pupils' school experience. Every parent of a child at our school is a member of the PTA. At the end of this academic year Mrs Lisa James will be stepping down as the PTA Chairperson and Ms Liza Thompson will be stepping down as the Vice Chairperson. If you are able to offer your services and would like to know more about these roles, please do contact the school office.

Battery Collection

Thank you so much for collecting spent batteries, we have a huge collection that grows by the day. Please continue to collect them. I have spare boxes if you need them or simply sending them into school in a small bag is also acceptable. The closing date is the 10th June, many thanks, Mrs Williams.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On Friday 27th May the children will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a street party style afternoon picnic tea. The children have already started designing their own Platinum Jubilee bunting and Mrs Underwood is organising a wonderful year group art project.

Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS - Butterflies	Millie, Scott, Cory, Evie	Year 3 - Rabbits	Chloe, Clementine, Henry, Kyan
Year 1 - Owls	Fabien, Clara, Koryn, Nova	Year 4 - Hedgehog	Olivia, Lucy, Willow, Albie
Year 2 - Dragons	Lucy, Imogen, Ella-Rose, Chloe	Year 5 - Foxes	All the class, Indie, Poppy R, Xavier, Isabella, Teagan
		Year 6 - Eagles	Nat, Jacob, Max, Ollie

Marsh Gibbon School Sporting events

On Tuesday 26th April, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a hockey tournament at Buckingham Primary School. They played amazingly well as a team and we are all incredibly proud of their sportsmanship and team effort.

Times Tables Rock stars

Many congratulations to Beech house who were the winners of last term's house tournament. All children in Beech house will be rewarded with a mufti day on Tuesday 10th May.

The final scores for the houses were as follows; **Beech 3755**, Willow 3277, Ash 1925, Maple 1516



House	Correct Answers	Most Correct Answers					
		Congratulations to our top three players over the last 14 days VE-W (Y3), EB (Y6) and LR (Y5)					
Beech	3398	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Willow	2928	OW	MU	VE-W	JD	LR	EB
Ash	1762	51	240	2,012	1,208	1,404	1,963
Maple	1306	3% Active Player	15% Active Player	40% Active Player	95% Active Player	26% Active Player	7% Active Player

Kind regards

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DATES FOR THE DIARY (Bold are new additions)

4th May	Year 4 Swimming sessions begin
9 th May	Y6 SATs week
10th May	Beech House TTRS Reward Mufti Day
11th May	EY Vision Screening
16th May	MGS School Science Week
16th – 26th May	Year 2 SATs
19 th May	Class Photographs
20th May	Year 5 Science Oxford Educational Visit
27th May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee School Picnic
6 th -10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
7 th June	Year 3 & 4 Free Tennis session from Marsh Gibbon Tennis club (7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th Jun)
7th June	Roving Book Shop
13th June	Year 3 & 4 Stone Age Educational visit
15 June	James Ketchell visit
20 th – 24 th June	Year 6 PGL Residential Bawdsey Manor
28 th June	School Sports Day
5 th July	Transition Afternoon
7th July	EYFS & KS1 Educational visit to the Cotswold Wildlife Park(TBC)
8th July	MGS Summer BBQ (Hog roast)
12 th July	Reserve School Sports Day
14th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
19th July	Last Day of Term for the children
20th July	Inset Day