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Friday 14th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 6 is well under way. Year 6 have been busy competing in the Vale cricket competition at Challow and Chiddrey Cricket Club, and attending Junior Citizens at Rewley Road Fire Station in Oxford. Also this week, our Nursery had a fantastic trip to Roves Farm.



Our girls' cricket team came a respectable 4th, and our boys team came 3rd. Well done Year 6 and a big thank you to everyone who accompanied our children on their trips and visits.

Warning over WhatsApp 'Communities' groups

We are aware that some children use WhatsApp on their mobile phones despite the recommended minimum age being 13 yrs. Please can we ask parents and carers to make sure that you monitor your child's use of WhatsApp, as some children have experienced unpleasant language and upsetting images which have been sent to them through WhatsApp.

Of particular concern is a relatively new 'communities' feature, which allows anyone (including children) to join a community allowing them communicate with multiple WhatsApp groups, which could include thousands of strangers who will have access to your child's mobile phone number, and in some cases, other personal information.



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For more information, please see:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

or

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

Dogs

Please can I remind parents and carers that whilst we all love our four-legged friends, we do not allow dogs onto the school site. Also, please could I respectfully ask that dog-owners who use the path by the cemetery pick up any dog poo that your dog leaves behind. Thank you so much for your help with this.



Booking School dinners

You can now book your child's dinners up to the end of term on Parent Pay. Please remember if you want a Brunch Bag provided for Sports Day it must be booked by this Sunday evening, 16 June.

Pastoral Team Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning is next Wednesday from 8.40 am in the Hall. Parents and Carers are welcome to call in for a drink and informal chat after dropping your children to their classrooms. Please use the Hall door from the car park. We look forward to seeing you.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend. We have the start of the Euro's and I am looking forward to watching Scotland this evening and then England on Sunday.

Thankfulness

Our value this term is "Thankfulness". In collective worship this week, Rev Katherine spoke to us about the 80th anniversary of D-Day, and the gratitude we have for the sacrifices made by the servicemen and women who took part in June 1944.

Give thanks to God. His love lasts forever.

Psalm 118:1

Yours sincerely,

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Calendar

Monday 17 June		4DG to Court Hill overnight
Tuesday 18 June		4PS to Court Hill overnight
Wednesday 19 June	8.40 am	Pastoral Coffee Morning
Wednesday 19 June		VAT Olympics for Y5 at Kas West site
Monday 24 June		Sports Day for F1-Y6
Tuesday 25 June		Sports Day for KS2 only
Wednesday 26 & Thursday 27 June		Y6 Cycle training
Wednesday 26 June	3.15—6.00 pm	KS2 Quad kids at Millbrook
Thursday 27 June	6.00 pm	Welcome Evening for new September F1 parents
Saturday 29 June	4.00—6.00 pm	Family disco
Wednesday 3 July		Y3 to Harcourt Arboretum
Wednesday 3 July	9.30—11.30 am	KS1 Quad kids at Stanford-in-the-Vale School
Wednesday 3 July	4.30—5.30 pm	Tea Party for new September F1 children and parents
Friday 12 July		Y5 to Ashmolean Museum
Tuesday 16 July	5.15 pm	Y6 Performance
Wednesday 17 July	1.30 pm	Y6 Performance
Thursday 18 July		Y2 to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Monday 22 July	1.15 pm	Y6 Leavers Party
Tuesday 23 July	9.30 am	Leavers Mass in Church
Wednesday 24 July	9.40 am	Pastoral Coffee Morning
Thursday 25 July	9.15 am	Leavers Assembly
Thursday 25 July	12.15 pm	End of Term 6