



Firstly we would like to welcome Miss Devoney Payne, our new preschool leader, to Leigh on Mendip School. She started working with us on Monday and has already got to meet all the children and many parents in Robins. She has joined us full of excellent ideas to enhance the provision for our youngest pupils. Exciting times ahead for the Robins.

Also this week, we are pleased to announce that we have recruited Mrs Katie Payne to our office team. She will be working at school every Thursday, as well as some extra hours now and again. If you haven't yet met Katie when she has been in the playground picking up her two girls, then feel free to pop in and say hello.

We are aware that we have been sending the children out slightly late some days when assembly has overrun, so will make every effort to make sure they are dismissed promptly at the end of the day, as we appreciate many have other clubs or commitments to go on to. Can we please remind everyone that school should finish at 3:15pm as there have been some parents arriving 5 or 10 minutes after this time. Please also remember that the gate opens at 8:30am in the morning (when children in Robins start arriving) and that all children should be on site when the bell rings at 8:45am. Arriving after this time may be noted as late in the register.

Some parents have enquired about their children wearing purple polo shirts as opposed to white ones, due to how easily the white ones get marked or dirty. Our uniform shop - Norton Sports and Camping - only sells the white ones with a logo on, but if you buy your polo shirts from another retailer then we are happy if you would prefer purple ones, as long as they match the colour of the school jumpers and cardigans. We do already have one or two children who wear polo shirts in purple.

We have been looking further into a sponsored olympic event and after consulting with our PE coach Ian Groves, who is spending much of the time between now and Sports Day using PE lessons to prepare for Sports Day, we have decided that we will organise this in house. We are now provisionally looking at Thursday 6th June, with sponsor forms to go out next week. The idea is that between all the pupils - and staff - we try to run/walk the 268 miles that measures the direct distance from Leigh on Mendip to the centre of Paris. Perhaps a little ambitious, but we can always use the Friday as well if we need to! We will send more information with the forms by the end of next week.

We are looking forward to meeting with parents at our coffee morning next Wednesday. We have held two of these so far, where there has been the opportunity to talk to the teachers about a range of issues. All the teachers will be available from drop off for at least half an hour, so please feel free to come into the hall, have a drink and join in the conversation. Both positive and negative feedback are welcome, as well as anything else you might want to talk about.

I hope you all enjoy the extended weekend and we will see you back in school on Tuesday morning.

Mr Turull



Diary Dates

May

Monday 6th	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8th	9am Parent-Teacher Coffee Morning
Thursday 9th	Dental Survey for 5 year olds
Saturday 11th	FOLS Plant Sale 10 - 12 midday at Memorial Hall (poster below)
Mon 13th - Thurs 16th	Key Stage 2 SATS week for Year 6 pupils
Friday 17th	Kingfisher Class and Starling Class Trip to Carymoor - letters in book bags today
Monday 20th	Swallows Parent Drop in session at 2.45pm
Tuesday 21st	Starlings Parent Drop in session at 2.45pm
Wednesday 22nd	Goldfinch Parent Drop in session at 2.45pm
Thursday 23rd	Kingfisher Parent Drop in session at 2.45pm
Friday 24th	End of Term 5

News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we have been reading *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The children planted some magic beans which are hanging in our window. The children have used their imagination when in the garden, using the stilts to pretend to be the giant!



It has been a busy week in Kingfisher class. In science, we have sown seeds and observed how they grow. In Maths, we learnt to add more and take away within 10. We had lots of fun in English re-writing the story *Jack and the Beanstalk*. In DT, we embroidered our initials onto a hessian bookmark. In RE, we looked at the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.



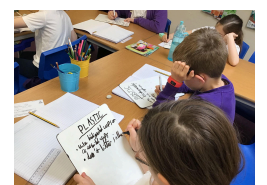
We have had great fun creating our own superhero theme tune!! We have looked at how the tempo in a piece of music changes with the excitement of the superhero getting closer to 'save the world'!! We have also discussed dynamics and tried to include these in our pieces of music.



Starling class had a wonderful time visiting the Earth Science Centre and Whatley Quarry. They looked at the properties of rocks and fossils and even got to see a blast at the quarry. A fantastic day had by all!



Swallow class have been writing persuasive speeches about climate change and discussing topics we feel strongly about. Why not ask your child which thing they would be passionate about giving a speech on?





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PLANT SALE

Saturday 11th May 2024

10am - 12pm



Leigh on Mendip Memorial Hall

Garden Plants, Vegetable Plants, House
Plants and Herbs

Raffle

Refreshments



Raising funds for our school



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