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What a busy week we have had once again, this time with many of our children visiting secondary schools. Firstly, on Tuesday during school time two of our Year 5 children were fortunate to take part in a science event at Writhlington. They travelled around the science labs and were able to take part in many different experiments.

Next, on Tuesday evening at Somervale it was the turn of our Year 4 children to get together with other schools for the final greater depth maths event. As always the children were very collaborative in their thinking and worked well to solve many challenges.

Finally, on Thursday our three Year 6 girls went off to their three different secondary schools that they will attend next year, whilst we had our own shuffle up day here at Leigh. Swallows were also fortunate to have their new teacher, Mr Schofield, visit their classroom and work with them for the afternoon. We are looking forward to the many celebrations to end our year and term. The Key Stage 2 children are very busy practising the play that will take place on Thursday 17th July at The Memorial Hall. There are still tickets available from the school office.

There seems to be many fidget toys coming into school at the moment. Can they please remain at home unless this has been agreed with your child's class teacher. Fidget toys do have a purpose in class for some but the moment they seem to be being used as a general toy and we would hate for them to get lost.

Mrs Ball

National Read-Aloud Challenge

We would like to circulate *The National Read-Aloud Challenge*. This is a free initiative for children to encourage reading throughout the summer holidays. To sign up to this fun challenge, please go to: *https://www.readaloudchallenge.co.uk/*



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Diary Dates

July

Wednesday 9th Thursday 10th

Friday 11th Monday 14th Thursday 17th

Friday 18th

September

Monday 1st Tuesday 2nd Wednesday 3rd Wednesday 3rd - 5th Thursday 4th Monday 8th - 12th Monday 15th Robins Preschool Graduation for leavers - parents welcome 2.40pm - 3pm Kingfisher and Starling Dance Workshop Parents invited for a short standing performance at 2.40pm Goldfinch Class trip - Mendip Activity Centre Violin Performance for Starling Class parents - 14th July at 2.45pm Goldfinch & Swallow class Summer Production - A Hint of Snow Show times 1pm and 4.30pm. All children in Goldfinch and Swallow class will need a packed lunch on this day. Summer celebration assembly - 9.15am

Inset Day Inset Day **Children back to school** New reception children finish daily at 12pm Starling Class begin weekly swimming lessons New reception children finish daily at 1pm New reception children start full time.

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths Kingfishers - Mollie & Paige Starlings - Sienna & Kian Goldfinches - Caitlin Swallows - Arya

Top Doodlers - Starlings

Doodle Tables Starlings - Flo Swallows - Sophia

- Clubs There will be no school run clubs in the last week of term.
- Starling Violin Performance Starling class parents are invited to watch a Violin performance on Monday 14th July at 2.45pm.
- Sound of Musicals Dance Workshop Emails have been sent regarding the Kingfisher and Starling Class Dance Workshop. Please provide consent for this via Parent Pay. Parents are invited to come and watch their performance at 2.40pm on Thursday 10th July at the Memorial Hall.
- Mendip Activity Centre We are still awaiting consent for some Goldfinch class children to attend their end of year trip. Please provide this asap via Parent Pay.
- A Hint of Snow White Preparations for the Goldfinch and Swallow class production are well
 underway. Tickets are now available from the school office. Please note, that due to space
 limitations in the Memorial Hall, there is a limit of two tickets per child at each performance.
 Tickets will be collected on the door to ensure capacity. Thank you.

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Mireya Starlings - Evelyn Goldfinches - Flo Swallows - Henry

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News from the Classrooms

The children this week in Robins have been getting ready to go to school and have enjoyed playing schools in the role play area.

We had a wonderful week talking about our feelings through the *Colour Monster* book. We shared strategies for when we feel worried or anxious. We also welcomed to the classroom the new reception class and it was wonderful to see the children making new friendships.

As part of our geography unit, this week we have been studying rivers. We found out that a river has three parts and each part has different features. We looked at some new vocabulary & pictures and matched these to each section of the river. Why don't you quiz us on our knowledge!

Goldfinch class have had lots of fun learning about teeth and have investigated which drinks have an effect on the health of our teeth. We are already finding that drinks high in sugar are particularly damaging but will wait to see the end results on Monday.

Swallows had a brilliant day at Bristol Zoo Project. We learnt how Giraffes fight each other to show who is stronger and how Lemurs waft their scent around with their tails. We also saw Cheetahs, Bears, Meerkats and wolves. Although this links to our topic of Kenya, the children also built on their knowledge of evolution and inheritance from a previous science topic.

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