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On Tuesday, we welcomed Eleanor from Doodle Maths to the school. She started the day by holding an assembly for all students and took the opportunity to award the children who completed the Spring Challenge with their badges and certificates. All children left the hall with a renewed enthusiasm and understanding of how Doodle Maths can help them with their learning. We were a little disappointed that only two parents attended the meeting at the end of the school day.



On Tuesday we were also able to meet with the parents with children starting in Cherry Class in September. It was a very positive meeting and we look forward to welcoming them to the Clutton School Community. Everyone left the school with lots of goodies - a water bottle and school rucksack, kindly donated by the PTFA and lots of school uniform from the Eco Club's Swap Shop.

Yesterday was also a very busy day at school. Reception and Year 1 children had fun on their trip to Westonbirt Arboretum despite the wet weather (read about it below) whilst Year 6 were busy practising their production 'Oliver'.

The rest of the year groups were lucky enough to receive a golf training session delivered by Joshand Matt from 'Mad Swans'.



Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull



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### Sports Day - Wednesday 25th June

This will be run slightly differently this year. The rotation of field activities will take place on the school site in the morning, whilst the track races will take place as normal in the afternoon at Clutton Football Club. Thank you to Steve who has already marked out the track. We will also be combining the teacher and parents races. This will run in the following format:

1 teacher plus 3 parents per class to take part in a relay.

1st leg - dressing up, 2nd leg - skipping, 3rd leg - egg and spoon, 4th lap - running. If you would be happy to take part, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible.



# Arbor - Parent App

Thank you for your patience in the transition across to Arbor, and for setting up the Parent Portal, we hope you are finding it easy to navigate. Please can we remind you that all communications are now sent via Arbor, so please remember to check the app for any messages that may have been sent by the school - if you have enabled notifications, this will alert you to any 'In App' messages. As previously mentioned we will be using Arbor to book Parents Evenings and lunches and trips later on in the year.

# **Reception and Year 1 trip to Westonbirt**

The children had a very memorable day at Westonbirt Arboretum on Thursday. Despite the very British weather, we managed to complete all our planned activities. We spent the morning learning all about plants and trees using our senses: how they change through the seasons and how to identify trees by their leaves and bark. We went on a leaf and flower hunt and learnt how to work out the age of trees. Did you know that if you count the number of handspans around a tree and multiply each hand by 10, you can find out how old a tree is? We discovered that one of the oak trees at Westonbirt is 250 years old, and that some oak trees live for 800 years. We also collected skeleton leaves from a big leaf magnolia which came all the way from Japan and learnt that the trees in the arboretum come from all over the world.

After their well-earned lunch, the children spent the afternoon playing a team game and then going on a minibeast hunt. We found centipedes, millipedes, beetles, earwigs, a harvestman spider and lots of colourful snails.

A huge thank you to our helpers Steve, Kirsty and Emma for your positivity and support.



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# **Certificates of the week**

# **Head Teacher Awards**

Congratulations to the following children for receiving the Head Teacher's Award this week: Rio, Harrison, Aaron, Delilah, Ziggy and Darcie.





The children with the most Doodle stars in their class this week are: **Doodle Maths -** Teddy, Nina, Joshua, Autumn, Reuben, Orla, Coralie.





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## **Other Awards**

Enya, Florence, Erin, Lainie and Sophie showed their gymnastics awards. Eddie has a motor cross trophy and Joshua had a medal for a 2k run.



### **Notices**

- **Clubs-** Please remember to contact the office if your child will not be attending their after school club as staff take a weekly register and need to record an absence if a child is absent.
- Water bottle A reminder that every child must bring a water bottle to school everyday for their own personal use. Please can you also ensure these are washed out thoroughly. We have had a few cases of children bringing mouldy bottles into school where they have been refilled before washing.
- Long hair For reasons of health and safety, long hair should always be tied back.
- School day Begins at 8.45am and ends 3.15pm. The gates will close at 8.50am and after this time you will need to press the buzzer to enter the school. Children arriving after 8:50am are marked as late in the register.
- **School pick up** Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.

#### **Diary Dates**

#### JUNE Monday 9th - Thursday 12th Thursday 12th Monday 16th Tuesday 17th Wednesday 18th Friday 20th Saturday 21st Wednesday 25th Thursday 26th Friday 27th

#### JULY

Thursday 3rd Thursday 10th Friday 11th Wednesday 16th Friday 18th Year 4 multiplication check and Year 1 Phonics screening Year 6 trip to We are the Curious Oak/Cherry trip to Belmont Estate Willow/Chestnut trip to Belmont Estate Rowan/Sycamore trip to Belmont Estate Summer School Disco - see ad below Bioblitz @ Stowey Church grounds Sports day -1 pm @Clutton Football Club Rowan Class Learning Exhibition to parents @2.30pm Wells Cathedral Concert, Sycamore & Chestnut classes, 1pm parents welcome.

Shuffle up day Year 6 Production Year 6 Production Talent Show Final (invitation only) Year 6 Leavers assembly and LAST DAY OF TERM

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