



The Longvernal Letter

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Newsletter
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Term 5

News from Mrs Courtier-Hird...

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely term this has been - lots of sunshine meaning even more lessons than usual have been able to be taken outdoors. In such a short term, it is incredible what has been packed in.

Looking Back to Term 4

At the very end of Term 4, Years 2, 4 and 5 did us proud on stage at The Forum, Bath in Dance Umbrella. Their behaviour back stage and in the audience was also exemplary.

Cherry Class children were far luckier than last year at Charterhouse with regards to the weather. They were all very brave, experiencing caving and climbing.



Sports

Well done to our Key Stage 1 footballers who played their first match against another school this term. Despite the Year 2 children being unavailable on the day owing to their trip, Year 1 played valiantly, losing 7-8 to St. Benedict's. A big well done also to our netballers who played two fantastic matches this year! They showed great determination and teamwork in a game against Paulton, securing a 5-4 victory. The team then faced a tough challenge against St Vigor and St John, where they fought hard and demonstrated excellent team spirit throughout the game.

Chestnut Class enjoyed a fantastic day out at Somerset County Cricket where they learnt fielding, bowling and batting techniques on the county ground. Also, many Key Stage 2 children seized the opportunity to watch a professional women's cricket match on Tuesday 13th May at the county ground in Taunton.

Field to Food

Cherry and Maple Class thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Bath and West Showground and enjoyed seeing the animals and sampling different foodstuffs.



to establish what this role would entail, please contact the office.

PTFA

A huge thank you to our active and growing PTFA for the lovely activities and events you continue to hold. The Easter Craft events were well-attended, as was the Stay and Play- what a lovely idea! Keep an eye out for their letters and Facebook posts for future events.



Assessments

Year 6 were all very resilient when experiencing their SATs tests last week; the lure of the famous SATS Breakfast certainly helped. They are to be commended for their diligent approach and their caring attitudes towards each other at this tense time. They particularly enjoyed their ice-creams (kindly provided by the PTFA) and party after the final paper.

Personnel

Many of you will have met our new Office Assistant, Mrs Hannah Graham, who has replaced Mrs Lisa Wolfe who has been promoted to the role of Office Manager since the retirement of Mrs. Young. I am also delighted to report that we have successfully recruited a further Lunchtime Supervisor who will be joining the existing team next term.

Governor

I will be writing a formal letter inviting applications for the role of Parent Governor. If you would like an informal chat with myself or the Chair of Governors, Mrs Kelly Antonowicz,

Behaviour & Rewards

It is good practice to regularly review behaviour policy. From September we have been following Restorative Justice and our 'Forest Values' underpin expectations, however, getting rid of our previous peg system proved to be tricky. Children, particularly those who find it challenging to self-regulate, like clear systems. We therefore introduced yellow and red cards which were explained clearly to the children and seem to be working.

With regard to rewards, we introduced the following:

The class or classes who are the most helpful and work best as a team to tidy up the play equipment after lunchtimes will receive an extra playtime.
The House with the greatest number of Housepoints will receive an extra playtime.
Tea party for exemplary behaviour - Teachers are logging behaviour daily and a small group of children will be invited to a Headteacher's Tea Party on the last day of this term.
All of the above will happen termly.

The idea is that this is something to aspire to and we have noticed an improvement in behaviour since rolling out the above.

Best Wishes, Mrs Courtier-Hird

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 23rd May - End of Term 5
Monday 2nd June - Start of Term 6
Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th June - Y5/6 Camp
Friday 13th June - PTFA Summer Fete
Wednesday 18th June - Nursery Sports Day
Thursday 26th June - Sports Day
Monday 30th June - YR Chew Valley Farm Trip
Tuesday 01st July - Y4 Trip to Bristol Zoo Project
W/C 07th July - KS2 Performance (TBC)
Tuesday 8th July - Y1 Earthwise Trip
Friday 18th July - Leavers Assembly and End of Term 6

PE Days for next term

Holly - Tuesday
Oak - Friday
Chestnut - Thursday
Maple - Monday
Cherry - Thursday
Willow - Friday (Swimming)
Sycamore - Wednesday

Forest Days for next term

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Oak - Tuesday
Chestnut - Tuesday
Maple - Wednesday
Cherry - Wednesday
Willow - Monday
Sycamore - Monday

REMINDERS:

- Please BOOK for Breakfast Club and After School Club to help us ensure safe ratios and sufficient supplies
- Please do not park on the drop-off zone. This is to ensure the safety of pedestrians and allow speedy drop-off.
- Please do not park in the school car park at drop off or pick up times. There are limited spaces and these are for staff and visiting external staff only. The exception is if you have a blue disability badge which is genuinely needed by the driver or child being collected. We need to restrict cars pulling out of school and driving up the hill for the safety of all as most people are walking. Please also remember not to park on the double yellow lines on Paulton Road.
- Now it is summer, water bottles are especially important, together with subcream and sunhats.

Uniform:

Please ensure that your child is dressed in correct school uniform. If your child is in Year 6 and has outgrown their existing uniform and you are reluctant to spend out as they will be leaving soon, please either contact PTFA for quality pre-loved uniform OR endeavour to buy e.g. plain green PE t-shirt or plain black polo shirt. Note: football kits are not to be worn for PE days.

Parent Pay

Breakfast Club and After School club should be booked and paid for in advance on Parentpay.

Please also remember that school dinners need to be ordered in advance by the Thursday of the preceding week. Thank you.

Please remember
Headlice don't go
on holiday!



Children learn with mud on their hands and smiles on their faces