



Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School
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Newsletter 20 : Summer Term 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very warm week in school, and we can all see how the heat is having an impact on all the children's energy levels but with 4 packed weeks yet to go, we hope we can all keep going and create some wonderful summer term memories and finish all our learning off with a flourish!

It has already been a half term of achievements.

Sponsored Bike Ride – It was an extremely hot Saturday morning for our Small Schools' sponsored bike ride on 10th June but all our children that took part power pedalled their way round the airfield with great energy. Thank you to all the parents and children that took part. In total we have raised _____ to put towards school resources. A special mention goes to Finley in Maple who raised a massive amount of money by asking anyone who would listen to him and rode his bike with such ease around the course we thought he was never going to stop!

A massive thank you and well done to Octavia's parents, Abigail and Matt Weber, who completed the Welsh 3000s Challenge, summiting all 15 of the mountains over 3000 ft in Wales in 24 hours. This was an amazing achievement in itself and has also helped raise over £700 for school. This money will go towards extra sports equipment and some kind of climbing wall/structure in the playground. We are extremely grateful this donation.



Doughnuts for Dads and other special people – it was wonderful to see so many dads, uncles, granddads, and lots of other people on Monday afternoon. It was a great social occasion and I believe the doughnuts were enjoyed by all, perhaps some children a little too much!

Year 5 spent a wonderful morning yesterday cooking with Mel, the food smelt wonderful, and I hope you all enjoyed eating it at home.

Year 4 Maths Challenge- Oli, Xavier, Rhys and Isaac took part in a competition against 7 other schools at Kingshill, run by the Maths teachers there. It was great fun though some of the Maths was tough! We look forward to taking part next year and doing even better.

District and Area sports – we had 7 children qualify overall from the District sports events to go on and compete in the Area sports. The competition here is tough as lots of schools from all over Cirencester take part so well done to Inka, Oliver Clarkson, Rhys, Guy, Sophia, Hugo and Freddie (who unfortunately couldn't take part due to sickness.)

Rounders Tournament – children from Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in a Rounders Tournament against Down Ampney, Meysey Hampton and Sapperton. We won 3 games and drew 1. There was great play by everyone and some brilliant catches and some very good hits by Noah, Guy, Thomas and Gabriel. The pairing between Rowan at first base and Thomas at Backstop was unstoppable getting out a record number of players!

Come and Celebrate the end of the year by looking at your child's work.

Parents are invited in on the following afternoons next week to look at your child's work.

- **Chestnut & Oak** – Tuesday 27th June at 2:30pm.
- **Willow** – Wednesday 28th June at 2:30pm
- **Maple** – Thursday 29th June at 2:30pm

Notices



A polite reminder that the school and the grounds including the front of the school is a no smoking area, so please do not smoke right next to the gates when waiting for children to come out of school. Thank you.

I know I have mentioned this several times before but we are now being undated with complaints from residents saying that cars belonging to our school community are blocking driveways preventing people from getting out or parking on the narrowest part of the road so people cannot turn out of their driveways. Parking is difficult but I would urge you not to park in front of someone's driveway and perhaps allow a few more minutes so you can park either further away and walk to school. Many thanks.



Being on time for school in the morning

We have more and more children being late in the mornings, though we understand parking might be an issue, this doesn't seem to be the main reason. **A reminder that the gate for Chestnut and Oak opens at 8:35 and shuts at 8:45 with all children being in by this time.**

Willow children can line up at 8:35 when Mrs Gough comes out to greet the line and have until 8:45 to come through the front door.

Maple Children should be all lined up outside the front door by 8:45 ready to all go in.

It is so important that children come in with their class and are in on time. In the first few minutes of the day, as they socialise with their friends, are given important instructions, answer the attendance and dinner registers and will complete a morning activity which may be spellings or finishing work from the previous day. It sets the tone for the rest of the morning and helps children settle back into the school routine.

Reminder - Sports Day is Monday 3rd July, Maple and Willow children in the morning from 9:30 and Chestnut and Oak in the afternoon from 1:00pm. All parents and grandparents are welcome to watch, bring chairs, picnic blankets and picnics.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Wood

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 27th June at 2:30pm	Parents in to look at their children's work	Chestnut & Oak
Wednesday 28th June at 2:30pm	Parents in to look at their children's work	Willow
Wednesday 28th June	Cricket for Willow, Chestnut, and Oak	All children come to school in PE Kits.
Thursday 29th June	Life Van visiting all classes (part of PSCE curriculum)	
Thursday 29th June at 2:30pm	Parents in to look at their children's work	Maple
Friday 30th June	Dress Down Day for bottles for the summer fete.	All children dress down in their own clothes in exchange for a bottle.
Monday 3rd July	SPORTS DAY	KS1 in the morning from 9:30 KS2 in the afternoon from 1:00
Tuesday 4th July	The Bishop of Tewksbury visiting school and leading a worship for the Year 6s.	
Tuesday 4th July Arrival 5:30, start at 6:00pm.	Presentation & Talent evening for Year 5 and 6.	Parents of Oak only
Wednesday 5th July	Cricket for Willow, Chestnut, and Oak	All children come to school in PE Kits.
Wednesday 5th July at 2pm	Chestnut Young Leaders Award afternoon	Chestnut Parents
Monday 10th July	Dress Down Day for Cakes to brought in Thursday 13th July for the summer Fete	
Monday 10th July	Willow Class Multi-sports afternoon	Details will be sent to parents directly.
Tuesday 11th July Wednesday 12th July	Moving up mornings – children will be registered in existing classrooms and then move rooms.	
Tuesday 11th July	Multi-sports events for Year 3 and 4 in the afternoon.	Details will be sent to parents directly.
Friday 14th July	Reports out to Parents	
Wednesday 19th July at 9:00am	Year 6 Leavers Church Service	All are welcome
Friday 21st July	FINISH at 1:00pm.	

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