

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Owls are house winners!

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A few words from Mrs Sage...



Good afternoon.

Curriculum support for parents: thank you to those Y1 parents who attended our [Zoom meeting last Thursday](#). We hope you found it helpful for supporting your child with their reading, writing and maths. If you were unable to attend, please see [the presentation here](#) and [this video of the meeting](#). Our next meeting is for Y4 parents on Monday 17th at 6pm. This will cover how you can support your child as they prepare for the transition into Y5 and to discuss the Y4 multiplication check. See [details in the Y4 letter here](#). We appreciate your support with daily reading and completion of homework.

Swimming: we are all very much looking forward to starting swimming next term and making the most of our precious pool. Of course, there are extra considerations because of Covid-19 but we are pleased to have found a suitable system for volunteers to offer their help. This help is vital for swimming to be able to go ahead on site and we urge you to sign up, even if you can only commit to a small amount of time. As there has been a delay to starting lessons this year, we have also asked parents to provide information about their child's ability so that each child can get the most from their lesson. Please find practical information about [swimming arrangements for 2021 on our website here](#).

Parent Voice Group: the first PVG meeting this week marked a positive start to a new avenue of collaboration between parents and the school. We know that this is important for the success of the school. There is more news below on that first meeting. If you are interested in representing your class, there are still some vacancies to be filled and we would urge you to consider joining. Please see [the school website for details](#).

Forest School sessions: it was a pleasure to see Butterfly and Bumblebee classes set off on Friday for their Forest School sessions in Manor Woods. There are some lovely pictures and a report [on our website here](#).

Have a lovely weekend. If you are out and about, do remember to log your activity towards our [Travel to Tokyo challenge!](#)

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

EYFS

ED: Belle B for incredible independent writing about Ramadan.

GD: Fin S & Zayn for lovely writing in their Eid cards

KS1

RH: Ivy W for designing an amazing 'WANTED' poster for Snow White.

CE: Rosie B for super work and concentration in our practical maths lesson of finding a half.

NJ: Orson H for a lovely, thoughtful prayer about friendship.

MN: Florrie S for deepening the moment in her writing about The Crow's tale using adverbs to describe how the crow flew.

KS2

ESST: Lois A & Esther W for great work in dance, creating sequences to represent the lives of children in WW2.

CM: Luke B for fantastic contributions in our English lessons and regularly sharing great ideas!

RJ: Amelia Q for her fabulous story about going on a bike ride and great use of inverted commas for dialogue. Well done!

PN: Emily T for super improvement in her independent writing and her work on Anderson shelters in our History topic.

JSB: Jack F for creative vocabulary and emotive language when writing speeches.

AB: Lucy L for her fantastic individual and team skills at the invasion games festival at Keynsham Cricket Club this week. Lucy had so much fun competing. Brilliant.

NS: Isla W for working hard and challenging herself in her maths learning.

JG: Alphabeth R for great work researching the modern-day countries on the silk road trading route.



Parent Voice Group (PVG)

Our first PVG meeting last Thursday was very positive and the format of having representatives for each class worked well. We still have room for more reps to join, particularly for classes ED and JSB who have no representation at all at the moment.

The [terms of reference](#) were agreed. Please look at these to see how you can use the PVG to make your thoughts known to school. If you have any concerns regarding your own child specifically then please discuss them with their class teacher in the normal way.

We also discussed communication pathways for effective feedback and discussion between school and parents via the PVG. There will be more detail about this to follow.

The meeting's areas for consultation from school were the Positive Behaviour Policy and the Play Policy and next steps on play.

Please [read the minutes](#) for the full discussion.

Your class representatives and all details about the PVG are [on the PVG section of the school website here](#).

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Letters sent this week and date responses due:

Class RJ Sport Festival
Tuesday 18th May 2021

Respond by Friday 14th May

Year 6 cycling opportunity

On Tuesday Year 6 riders were treated to a special cycling event at school.

The peloton gathered early for the 'One Day Classic' event on the school field, also known as the 'Salterium'. They participated in a series of highly competitive races and were privileged to receive expert coaching from Mark Smith from British Cycling.

It was clear how much the children enjoyed a wonderful, energetic event.

We may even have some future champions among our talented bunch. See some [lovely photos on our website](#).

Many thanks to Mark Smith and Mrs Brook for providing this memorable day.

See all these
dates on our
online calendar
for parents!
[Click here](#)



Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)

Inset Days 2020 – 2021: Fri 28th May

[Term Dates for 2021 – 2022 here](#)

Friday 14th May: Y2 [Forest School session](#)

Tuesday 18th May: Y4 [sporting festival](#)

Friday 21st May: Y3 [Forest School session](#)

Thursday 27th May: last day of term 5.

Friday 4th June: [Up & Under Sports at school](#) 9.00am – 3pm.

We celebrate

Ted in Class RJ for supporting coeliac awareness by cycling 50km for the [#ShineALightOnCoeliac](#) campaign. If you'd like to help him out and find out more, go to [our news page here](#).

Key stage 1 for reaching Sydney in the Travel to Tokyo Challenge and leading with over 500 hours' activity! See the rankings and latest info [on our website](#).

The PTA who are up to £282 on the [Tokyo Challenge JustGiving page](#). Medals are also selling well.

Y5 sports festival

On Wednesday, the Y5's had a brilliant day meeting four other local primary schools at Wellsway School for a range of different games activities. Mr Boyle also loved the walk there via Manor Woods!

On arrival the children were greeted by Mr & Mrs Burston and introduced to several stations that were set up so that the children could practise their sporting skills in a fun competitive environment.

The emphasis was on team spirit, fun and co-operation! Thanks to the volunteers who accompanied the walk, to our school sports partners, Mr & Mrs Burston, and Mrs Brook who organised the opportunity.


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