



Saltford
CofE Primary School

Launch Letter Term 5 • 28th April 2022



WELCOME BACK to term five. We hope you enjoyed the Easter break. The PTA Easter trail was well received and there is more news on the winners later in this newsletter. The Up & Under holiday activities also went really well. The children have settled back well into the school routine and we are looking forward to lots happening in the next five weeks of term. We are particularly pleased to have been able to resume our residential trips for years 4, 5, and 6 this year, after two years of suspension. A very special feature of this term will be our double celebrations, of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and of the school's 60-year anniversary of our move to the current site on Claverton Road. See more about these later in this newsletter.

After so much disruption to your child's education, please support us this term with the highest possible attendance for your child and a punctual start to each school day.

Year 5 camp at Mill on the Brue: our Year 5s set off yesterday for three days at the Mill on the Brue outdoor activity centre in Bruton. We are looking forward to hearing how they are getting on and will give a full report in next week's newsletter. There are lots of pictures being posted regularly on Twitter here.

Year 4 camp at Barton: our Year 4s set off today for their two-day camp and overnight stay at Barton Camp in Winscombe. The focus will be on independence, team-building and co-operation. Again, we will report back in next week's newsletter and on our Twitter here.

Swimming pool update: we are hoping to give you an update on the pool as soon as our insurance company have given the go ahead for works to commence.

The school website: the news page is up to date. Elsewhere on the website there is lots of useful information. You can find our term dates calendar under the Office. Please see our communications poster here for a reminder of the many ways we can communicate with each other.

Punctuality: please support us by making sure your child arrives at school at the correct time – all children should be in the classroom at 8:50am as the register starts at this time. Arrival at 8:45am is recommended. Please read this useful document that outlines pick up and drop off arrangements by year group. If you drive, do consider active travel by parking at The Crown in the morning and walking in.

Uniform: please send your child in full school uniform including footwear. Our uniform policy has been updated to ensure that uniform is practical, inclusive and good value. Please read the policy through here and note that, for example, hair accessories should be kept to an absolute minimum and in our school colours.

Newsletters will be back in the usual format next week, sent out each Thursday by email.

Enjoy the rest of your week,

Mrs Sage.

News

COVID update for term 4: Many thanks for your support over the past terms in keeping our school community as safe as possible. As we enter the new term with all the domestic Covid-19 restrictions removed in the UK and case numbers reducing, we are hoping to return to more typical attendance figures in school and with this, reduced disruption to learning. From the start of term 5 we will be following the recommendations set out by the government in their most recent 'living with Covid-19' publications. It is now advised that testing only takes place if advised by medical practitioners. We remain committed to reducing the spread of Covid-19 and will still be operating with additional safety measures in place – for example hand washing – until the end of the academic year. As with any illness – if your child is too unwell to attend school follow our usual absence reporting procedures (phone call to the school office before 8:45am with the reasons for the absence – followed by a call on each subsequent day of absence.) We are not expecting children to be taking part in home learning if they are too unwell to attend school and no remote learning will be set due to this. All parents were emailed on the first day of term with our revised COVID procedures, following changes to Government legislation and guidance over the holiday. Please **remember to phone the School Office as you would normally if your child is absent from school**. Parents are always notified directly of any changes to procedures, and our COVID guidance on the website news page is always up to date.

Summer fair colouring competition deadline extended: judging will take place on the morning of Friday 29th April, so if your child would like to submit a last-minute entry, you can [find details and the template here](#).

Cake sale: it will be the turn of the Reception classes to hold a cake sale on Friday 6th May outside the Y4 classrooms from 3.15pm. The uniform sale and book swap will be in the hall at the same time. For the book swap, children can donate their pre-loved books anytime in the box outside the school office. In the hall they can help themselves to a new book of their choice for free. This is not to raise funds but just a way to encourage sharing and recycling of books.

Ascension Day walk for KS2: our traditional walk takes place on 13th May. Please [see this letter for details](#).

Summer fair sponsorship: there are some spaces available on the giant Jubilee Banner which will advertise your company for a whole month at the front of the school. The cut-off date for inclusion is 1st May. Please go to the PTA's events page to sign up: www.pta-events.co.uk/saltfordschoolpta/.

This term's focus

- Residential camps for Year 4 and 5. Meetings for Year Six parents – health education and camp arrangements
- Celebrating our 60th anniversary on the Claverton Road site – including a whole school photograph
- Queen's platinum jubilee – celebration at school
- KS2 Ascension Day walk
- Year Six start rehearsing their show – Bugsy Malone!

Continuing work on School Improvement Priorities

- Staff training on our new phonics & reading programme called Read Write Inc in FS/KS and Vipers in KS2.
- Working with curriculum leaders to develop their subject leadership roles and assessment in their subjects.
- Reviewing our schemes of work and medium-term planning in line with the Futura Curriculum. Please see [more detail in this Futura Curriculum document](#).
- Keeping in touch via our [weekly newsletters](#), [our school website](#) and tweeting about school life [@SaltfordPrimary](#).

How you can get involved

PTA: the next PTA meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 9th May** in the staffroom. EVERYBODY IS WELCOME. This is a key meeting to discuss the Summer Fair so do come along.

To keep in touch and get involved [join the PTA Facebook group here](#). Please also continue to support PTA events such as the regular cake & uniform sales and book swaps as they have a direct impact on your child's school experience. There will be plenty of opportunities to support the summer fair in whichever ways you can.

Volunteering: we love having volunteers in school and there are so many roles you could take.

- Volunteer to help on a regular basis in class.
- Share your gardening skills and help look after the Secret Garden. Please call (01225 872185) or e-mail the school office (<mailto:contactus@saltfordschool.org.uk>) if you can spare time to help all the children get the maximum benefit from this great resource.
- Become a Library volunteer and support our team.
- Volunteer at one-off events arranged by the PTA. It's fun and many hands always make light work!

See more about [what it's like to be a volunteer here](#), including [this lovely account](#) from the point of view of one parent volunteer who wrote to us about her experience.

Shopping: when you are buying online, please remember to check out [The Giving Machine](#) for links to the sites you would be using anyway. You can earn commission for the school funds at no extra cost to yourself. Please see [our Fundraising information here](#) for more information.

Our governing body

The school's [governing body](#) is responsible for the strategic direction of the school and for holding the Headteacher to account for the academic progress of the pupils, to name just two areas. To find out what is covered in governors' meetings, please follow [this link to this year's meeting planner](#) with details for each term.

Parent Voice Group

With parent representatives from each class, **the Parent Voice Group (PVG)** is an important means of communication between school and families. See [the PVG section of our website here](#) to see how it works, who your representative is and how you could become part of it. You can see the minutes of each meeting [on the school website here](#).

This term's clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. The [clubs section](#) of our website provides full details of all the clubs we offer and the timetables they are running to. This term we have a new athletics club starting.

Chuckles Before and After School Club: all our children are offered wrap around care provision by [Tiddlers Day Nursery](#). This is supervised before and after school care

Community news

[Our Community notices page](#) is regularly updated with information from outside organisations that we think families might find useful. This can range from support for families to school holiday clubs and seasonal activities. We also keep in touch with [Saltford Community Association](#) to pass on any news that might be of particular interest to families with school-age children.

Easter trail fun

We had lots of interest in the Easter Trail and raised £146 by selling trail maps and competition entries. There were 30 entries with the correct answer and feedback from parents saying they thoroughly enjoyed walking around the village as it kept everyone amused for a considerable time. The lucky winners of the Easter hampers were:

Bella & Scarlett H of apple class, Carrie R of butterfly class, Elizabeth C of willow class, Elliott M of cherry class, Joe S of oak class and Will K of lime class.

We thank Rajinder Boucher for making this trail such a success and everyone who displayed eggs in their windows.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On Thursday 26th May we plan to have a special whole school celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will hold a teddy bears picnic outside on the school field. Children will be invited to bring their teddies along to the party. The PTA has organised special commemorative Jubilee teddies which can still be ordered here up until the end of today. All parents have been emailed details.

There will also be a celebratory picnic meal available as a school dinner, with normal payment. Please see [the Jubilee picnic menu here](#).

In addition, the children will enjoy some classroom activities to celebrate the Queen's 70-year reign.

The School's 60th anniversary

To mark the 60th anniversary of the school on our Claverton Road site, there will be a special whole-school photo that families will be able to buy.

The photo will be taken on Thursday 19th May. We ask that all children arrive in their smartest uniform & wearing their best smiles. There will be more information nearer the time about how to order your copy of the photo.

There will also be more news about how we will mark the anniversary at school with activities for the children.

There is an interesting potted history of the school, with photos, [on our website here](#).

Summer fair Saturday 2nd July

Children can still submit an entry, or several, to the summer fair colouring competition which closes first thing tomorrow morning. There are prizes to be won and kudos at stake. [Find the entry form and details here](#).

The PTA are already busy with plans for this Jubilee-themed summer fair. If any parents would be interested in having a stall at this please contact Clare Harding by emailing her at bishopclare1979@hotmail.co.uk. The fair will run from 2pm to 5pm.

There are also some sponsorship opportunities still available. If you would like to advertise your company for a whole month at the front of the school, you can still apply for a feature on the giant Jubilee banner that will be on display there. The cut-off date for inclusion is 1st May. Please go to the PTA's events page to sign up: www.pta-events.co.uk/saltfordschoolpta/.

Headteacher awards

KS1

Bumblebee: Evie E for super independent writing.

Butterfly: Otto S for super concentration and phonics when writing about his holiday.

Apple: Ben T for working so hard to improve his handwriting and now beginning to join his letters. Well done Ben!

Pear: Parker M for a brilliant start back to the term. You produced a fantastic journal using conjunctions.

Palm: Seb W for writing a super recount of his Easter holiday.

Cherry: Ivy W for using adjectives and repetition to describe a setting in the Crow's Tale.

KS2

Lime: Kate C for a beautifully presented and very thoughtful Easter acrostic poem.

Sycamore: Jack C for a detailed recount of his Easter Holidays.

Maple: Freddie F for his enthusiasm, great participation and contributions to class discussions. Well done!

Willow: Aimee P for her hard work, perseverance and progress in maths – well done Aimee!

Elm: Martha L for an inspiring speech on refugees around the world.

Horse chestnut: Ted F for making a great start with his handwriting pen which he used to research and make notes for a speech on homelessness.

Ash: Katie B for writing a brilliant persuasive argument.

Oak: Peter W for excellent work when finding missing diameters and radius of a circle.

Congratulations to...

- Sophia M from oak class for passing her Swim England stage 10.
- Fern S from elm class for her grade 2 singing practical from The Royal School of Music.
- Mila W from horse chestnut class for her grade 1 singing practical from The Royal School of Music.
- Oona A from willow class for her grade 1 singing practical from The Royal School of Music.
- Harrison M from cherry class for passing his Swim England stage 3.



This week's house point winners are **Goldfinches** with 243 points



Key dates

All dates are on the [online calendar for parents here](#)

Whole of April: Doodle spring challenge for English and Maths, rewards to be won!

Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th April: Y5 camp.

Thursday 28th – Friday 29th April: Y4 camp.

Monday 2nd May: May Day bank holiday.

Friday 6th May: EYFS cake sale, PTA uniform sale and book swap after school.

Monday 9th May 7.30pm: PTA meeting in the staffroom - all welcome.

Friday 13th May: Ascension Day walk up Kelston Hill for KS2. Details in this letter.

Thursday 19th May: whole school photo for school's 60th anniversary.

Friday 20th May: church service for Year 6 at St Mary's Church.

Thursday 26th May: celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. See the special menu here.

Thursday 26th May: end of term 5.

Monday 6th June: beginning of term 6.

Please note that term 6 ends on Thursday 21st July. This is because the DfE has asked schools to adjust their term dates because of the extra bank holiday for the Queen's platinum jubilee falling in a school holiday.

Term dates for this and the next academic year are on our website: www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates.

School snapshot



TEDDY BEARS PICNIC



Thursday 26th May

Mini Sausage Roll
or Mini Quorn Sausage Roll

Roll filled with Cheese, Ham, Egg Mayo or Tuna Mayo

Cucumber Discs & Carrot Sticks

Bag of Funtime Juicy Rasins

Jewel Decorated Chocolate Dipped Shortbread



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