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Happy Friday!

Returning to normal... I think we are all extremely ready for normality to begin to return as it is set to in our daily lives from Monday. I assure you, the readiness outside of school is more than mirrored inside but despite the national announcement this week, there has been very little change to the guidance for schools and we may not now see any significant change until mid-June. The key factor is the need for us to remain organised in year group 'bubbles'. Once this is relaxed or removed it will enable us to begin to transition back to a more normal way of working, however I am very mindful that it needs to be a transition that is carefully managed.

After a year of not sharing play spaces, not going to the hall for dinner and assemblies and operating with little awareness of the rest of the school, we are going to plan and manage the children's social and emotional transition just as much as we manage the transition of our systems. I will of course keep you updated with details and time scales as they become clear.

Summer Fayre... Within the return to normal is the return to school events such as the summer fayre/festival and I know that we are all longing for the chance to be able to come back together as a school community in one place and have fun!

As soon as the guidance around social distancing and gatherings allows us to, we hope to be able to hold some sort of community gathering. However, our usual festival/fayre takes weeks if not months of planning and preparation as well as a large team of volunteers to make it happen and so this year, if and when it can happen, it will be a little different to usual but hopefully a welcome and timely chance to get together. Again, we will update you as and when we are able to.

Lemon-aid... You will have seen over the last few weeks the story of our year 6 girls who raised money to buy and plant two lovely apple trees in school. Well this week I was really impressed to hear about Tallulah in Reception who was so inspired by the older girls that she organised a lemonade stand to help and raised £3! This is a brilliant effort and so lovely to see. Well done Tallulah!



Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Change to pick up arrangements... Just a gentle reminder that if your child's pick-up arrangements should change during the school day, please email the office to let us know as early as possible so that we can advise their class teacher. Whenever possible please make these arrangements before the school day starts, to avoid us having to interrupt the class, but of course we understand that sometimes changes during the day are unavoidable and we appreciate you letting us know when this happens.

Thank you for your support.

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



The Bath Festival... returns with live events next week from 17-24 May! Bath will once again be filled with musicians and authors and live audiences as they celebrate music and books in the beautiful city of Bath. Highlights include Richard Osman, Rachel Clarke, The Gesualdo Six, Stuart Turton, The Heath Quartet, Bryony Gordon, Hollie McNish, Tez Ilyas and many more. The programme offers plenty of opportunities to laugh with family and friends, be inspired and make memories that will last a lifetime. Join us at The Bath Festival 17-24 May 2021 for a shared experience to remember. And those unable to come to live events can watch The Bath Festival At Home, a digital broadcast for audiences to experience at home from Friday 28 May to Friday 11 June.

Discover and book tickets now: <https://bit.ly/3hi5dCw>

GET Sported and GET Serious Cricket camps this half term and Summer:

GETSported: Multi Sport Day Camps, ages 5-12 years. We're excited to be able to offer our GET Sported kids a fun sport experience this May and have some great sports on offer such as football, cricket, tag-rugby, volleyball, dodgeball, ultimate frisbee, capture the flag, multi-skills and more (sports will vary each day and specific skills may vary slightly depending on restrictions). All sport will be played outside however we will be able to shelter inside from rain if needs be.

Get Serious Cricket: for age 7-12. Our specialised cricket camps offer hard ball and soft ball skill sessions, net practice, competitions, and games. It is suitable for beginners through to advanced and county players. Our experienced coaches provide top class coaching linking technical work with the themes of the day. Develop your character & confidence through activities & team talk discussions, centred around our themed curriculum with character values (such as Confidence or Resilience) which teach fundamental key elements of the Christian faith and how it can apply to our lives in a way that can bring a great sense of joy, hope, purpose and self-worth - areas which many young people face with growing difficulties in this modern era. Our camps are super fun, exciting & action packed! Email info@getsported for more information

Book online: www.getsported.org Find and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

Times: 9.00am - 4pm Dates: 1st to 3rd of June

Prices: Prices from £22.50 per day when booking all three days and a further 10% off for all siblings!

Closing date for booking: **30th May** and no on the door sign ups.

Our Summer dates are going live to book this week:

Summer week 1: 26th to 28th July

Summer week 2: 2nd to 5th August

Summer week 3: 'GET Serious Cricket' only 9th to 12th August

GET Sported is accessible to all and offers a bursary scheme to those who need it. Please enquire with us if you'd like to apply. Where are our camps? Lansdown Cricket Club, Combe Park, Bath, BA1 3NE

Diary Dates Reminder...

May

24th – Parents evening (year 4 only)

26th – Parents evening

27th – Parents evening

27th – End of Term 5 for pupils

28th – Inset Day

June

7th – Term 6 begins

14th & 15th – Individual and sibling photos

July

21st – Last day of Term 6

September

Thursday 2nd – Inset Day

Friday 3rd – Inset Day

Monday 6th – School opens to pupils

(Items in bold are new to the list)

DoodleNews

The school leadership board has changed again! Congratulations F13 who are at the top, followed closely by F3, F8 and F5! Well done to all the children this week who have been awarded the DoodleMaths trophy.

Rec Eddie

F3 Tippi

F4 Vakariz

F5 Gabriel

F6 Sofia

F7 Barney

F8 Holly

F9 Tobias

F10 Ivy

F11 Cara

F12 Oscar

F13 Florence

F14 Emmanuel