

Newsletter 13th May 2016

Dear Parents,

What's been happening in school. . .

Curriculum and Learning

It was a pleasure to have Dr Tom Robson work with our children again on Tuesday 25th April. There is always a real 'buzz' in school when Dr Tom visits. Dr Tom worked with children on their 'learning powers'. His approach is to encourage children to become confident, focused, independent and resilient learners. Our children thoroughly engage with his 'child-friendly' way of presenting this and it has a positive and lasting impact on them as learners. Ask your children about their ruby, emerald, sapphire and diamond powers? I am hopeful that Dr Tom will come back in the Autumn term and deliver a workshop for parents.

Our E-Safety Assembly and workshop was well-attended on Wednesday 26th April. There were some important safeguarding messages given and I know from speaking with parents that they found this really useful and quite an eye-opener! Thanks to Pauline Stewart (Education Development Advisor for the Local Authority ICT) for leading the workshop.

We continue to work with our local comprehensive schools and Year 5 has recently visited Bishop Barrington to take part in Food Technology sessions.

Reverend David Briggs from Witton Park Methodist Church has worked with Year 5 on a 'Money Programme' which has involved the children learning about how to manage money; from planning a weekly household budget to savings and interest rates. This all links in with our maths curriculum as well as providing children with important life skills.

It has been a tough lead up to SATs for Year 6 and Year 2 with the huge changes that the government have made to assessment; including the content of the tests and the way in which they are marked. (I am sure many of you will have seen or heard in the media various articles surrounding the pressure the tests put on our children and the ways in which some of the tests have been compromised) Despite this, I would like to congratulate our Year 6 children for the tremendous hard work and effort that they have shown throughout the year and their gritty determination to succeed. This has been evident this week in the way they have approached their SATs. We couldn't have asked anymore of them! They are a real credit to themselves and to Escomb School. Well Done Year 6.

Children in Year 2 have completed some of their tests this week but theirs are not as strictly timetabled and are used as a tool to inform teacher assessment at the end of Key Stage 1. Tests for our Year 2 children will continue over the next two weeks. Good Luck Year 2!

UNICEF Day for Change

Children were involved in the Day for Change campaign today. They have had an opportunity to learn about the campaign through a whole school assembly and have explored in more depth the situations faced by other children around the world who are in danger as a result of war, hunger violence and disease. Thank you to children and parents for sending in their kind donations today, your support is much appreciated.

Sport

Year 1 took part in a Multi Skills Festival on the morning of Thursday 28th April at Bishop Barrington Sports Hall. The children had a great time and were really enthused by participating in the event. As well as enjoying the event itself, they produced some wonderful report writing about their sporting skills!

Football: Our School Team had a great start to the Summer league winning its first three games. Everyone who participated had a great attitude and showed determination to succeed. Well Done to the whole team! *(Contributed by Year 6 members of The Football Team)*

Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 16th May to take class photographs.

Please see the information attached to this newsletter regarding Open afternoon on Thursday 26th May.

Our school is a happy place to be and our children continue to thrive and make progress—Thank you for your support with all aspects of school life.

Have a lovely weekend.

Wendy Gill & Staff



Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

22nd April 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Oliver J
Class 1	Spencer S
Class 2	Jayden B
Class 3	Amelia W
Class 4	Patrick B-A
Class 5	Michael S
Class 6	Danny S

Superstar of the Week!

Danny S

Writer of the Week

22nd April 2016

Reception	Jake O
Class 1	Lewis A
Class 2	Oliver B
Class 3	Hope S
Class 4	Noah M
Class 5	Thomas S
Class 6	Evie-Mae B

Good to Be Green

Lucky Dip Winners 22nd April

KS1 Lily J

KS2 Joe B

Star of the Week Award

29th April 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Cody E
Class 1	Madelyn A
Class 2	Abi T
Class 3	Chloe B
Class 4	Lilia w
Class 5	Lucas G
Class 6	Luke P

Superstar of the Week!

*** Chloe B ***

Writer of the Week

29th April 2016

Reception	Zack R
Class 1	Daniel B
Class 2	Esme S
Class 3	Freya F
Class 4	Aaron B
Class 5	Tilly B
Class 6	Madelene B

Good to Be Green

Lucky Dip Winners 29th April

KS1 Ellis W

KS2 Keira T

Star of the Week Award

6th May 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Daisy B-W
Class 1	Henry S
Class 2	Kam C
Class 3	George R
Class 4	Jamie W
Class 5	Daniel S
Class 6	Whole Class

Superstar of the Week!

* Kam C & Year 6 *

Star of the Week Award

13th May 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Iris C
Class 1	Caden C
Class 2	Jude T
Class 3	Max A
Class 4	Ben G
Class 5	Emma P
Class 6	Whole Class

Superstar of the Week!

* Caden C *

Writer of the Week

6th May 2016

Reception	Nathan K
Class 1	Danae H
Class 2	Charlie M
Class 3	Holly M
Class 4	Harry C
Class 5	Scarlet S

Good to Be Green

Lucky Dip Winners

KS1 Eden S

KS2 Emma P

Writer of the Week

13th May 2016

Reception	Whole Class
Class 1	Lyla T
Class 2	Aimee T
Class 3	Amelia W
Class 4	Nel W
Class 5	Tilly R

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning: 11th April 2016

Year 5

99.3%

Whole School 97.3%

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning: 19th April 2016

Year 5

99.3%

Whole School 97.9%

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning: 26th April 2016

Year 3 96.7%

Whole School 95.2%

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning: 2nd May 2016

Year 5 99.2%

Whole School 95.8%



Sainbury Active Kids Vouchers 2016

Thank you for your help in collecting the Active Kids Vouchers. The campaign has finished in stores for this year but we are still collecting these in school. The deadline for receiving these in school is 17th June. Please would you encourage your family members and neighbours etc to send these in. Thank you for your support.



Holidays

Summer Half Term

School closed from Monday 30th May 2016—Return to school on Tuesday 7th June 2016

Summer Holidays

School closed on Thursday 21st July 2016—Return to school on Tuesday 6th September 2016



Reminders

- As the weather is becoming much warmer would you please ensure that your child brings their water bottle into school and is suitably equipped for the conditions e.g. has sun-cream applied and has a hat in school.
- Please also ensure that your child has their name in every item of clothing. This makes it much easier for lost clothing to be identified.
- Tyre area and adventure play area on field – Children use the play area on a rota basis now finer weather is here. Please note that children will only be allowed to use this if they have sensible footwear e.g. shoes with a decent tread on/ trainers. Ballet type shoes are unsuitable. Children may bring a change of footwear (e.g. trainers) into school if they wish to change into these.
- Children who bring bikes and scooters to school—Would parents please collect scooters and bikes from the back of school **after** they have collected their children. Parents and children should not be using the gate at the back of the school (from the path) to enter the premises. This is to reduce any safeguarding risks.



**'Britain Through the Decades'
'Strawberries & Cream' Open Afternoon**

We are holding an Open Afternoon on Thursday 26th May 2016 from 1.15 p.m. onwards. We have a whole school theme to this event this year which links with work that the children are going to be doing with some professional artists over the next two weeks and in June. The theme is 'Britain Through the Decades'. Each class has taken a decade to represent through song, dance or drama. We are hosting our Open afternoon on our outdoor staging area. Due to lack of space and health and safety issues, it is necessary to limit it to two visitors per child and the following 'performance times' have been allocated as follows:

Time	Who
1.15-1.25p.m.	Year 1 (1920's)
1.30-1.40p.m.	Year 5 (1940-50's)
1.45-1.55p.m.	Year 3 (1960's)
2.00-2.10p.m.	Year 2 (1970's)
2.15-2.25p.m.	Year 6 (1980's)
2.30-2.40p.m.	Year 4 (1990's)
2.45-2.55p.m.	Reception (2000)

Please come into school by the office entrance where you will be greeted and taken through to the outdoor area. Please arrive no sooner than 10 minutes prior to your child's class performance, this will help us with our organisation. After you have shared in your child's class performance then you will be able to bring your child to the Classroom of the Future where strawberries & cream, tea and coffee will be on sale. We will also be selling cakes and running a tombola stall and raffle. We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes and bottles for the tombola please. *(Bottles can be anything from shampoo to champagne!)*

We hope that you will be able to join us and enjoy the opportunity to share the event with your child. Please note that for the smooth running of the afternoon, we would appreciate it if all children remained in school until the end of the day.

For any parents that are unable to attend, your child will be taken to the Classroom of the Future by their teachers and will be able to buy a cake or strawberries and cream.

If you are able to attend please could you fill in the slip below and return to school as soon as possible so that we have an idea of numbers to cater for.

Please note that even if the weather is unfavourable, the event will still go ahead but classes will perform in the school hall instead. This is one of the reasons we have organised the timings in this way.

We look forward to seeing you.

Wendy Gill & Staff

I am able to attend the Strawberries & Cream Open Afternoon on Thursday 26th May 2016

Child's Name..... Class..... No of people attending: _____

Signed