



Newsletter



April 2018

Although it doesn't feel like it at the moment in terms of the weather, spring is well underway and summer is just around the corner. Let's look forward to a hopefully bright, sunny and warm summer where we can get out into the outdoor environment to do our learning and

PE Sessions

Our PE sessions are focusing on Cricket skills at the moment but we will soon be starting to prepare for our sports day (dates to follow) and that's when it really does start to feel like summer!

We will also take groups of children down to the site regularly to get a first-hand impression of the building as it grows.

Big Build Parent's meeting

It was great to see so many of you at the Big Build meeting with David Crabb and Dawn Jevons. The meeting was very successful with lots of questions asked and answered and a chance to meet David who gave us a really good run down on how the building at Newcross was progressing and what we can look forward to seeing in the very near future

Site meetings

I have regular meetings on site with the builders and other contractors to discuss progress of the build and I am delighted to say that the new school Hall will start to rise out of the ground over the next few weeks with roof likely to be in place before the end of May. I will report back regularly through the newsletter but do keep your eye on the Big Build Bulletin on the website for up to date photos and reports from David and Nigel Canham. Regular paper copies of the Big Build Bulletin will also be sent out over the summer term.

Coats

Please remember to send in coats with your child every day. Although the day may start out fine and sunny it can very quickly change and the children will need to have coats so that they can go out for their morning break and at lunchtimes. The weather has to be pretty awful before we go for wet play as, wherever possible, the children really need to get out and about for a run around and to get rid of some energy!

Sun cream and sun hats

Conversely, children need to have sun cream applied every day before school and bring in a sun hat so that we can react to hot weather as well as wet weather.

Swimming Lessons

We will be taking children to the Kingsteignton Swimming Pool for swimming lessons on the 6th, 13th and the 20th of June. Children will need to bring in swimming kit including a one piece swimming costume for the girls and fitted trunks for the boys (not baggy swim shorts). The children are also encouraged to wear goggles so that they are more likely to be able to put their heads under the water - an important skill when learning to swim. We will send out letters nearer the time and will also ask you whether your child is a beginner or already has some swimming ability so that we can group accordingly.

School Trips

There will be school trips organised this term and just to remind you that you should pay for trips via Parent Pay. If we do not receive 90% of voluntary contributions, I am afraid we will have to cancel the trip. We do try very hard to keep the costs of a visit down to a minimum and really hope that, like us, you appreciate the range of activities and experiences we are able to access through these trips.

Transition Meetings for new Reception children

The dates for the four new reception children's transition meetings are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
18.06.18	1.30 - 2.30
26.06.18	1.30 - 2.30
04.07.18	1.30 - 2.30
12.07.18	12.00 - 2.00

There will also be a new Reception children parent's meeting to be held on the 12th of June at 5 till 6pm. Information about all these sessions will go out in a separate letter from Miss Bull which will go out before half-term.

Spider Climbing Frame

Mrs West - Head of St Michael's - has asked me to ask you to please ensure that your child does not play on the Spider Climbing Frame at the beginning or end of the day as we are not insured for any usage outside of the school day This is because there is no supervision from school staff which is a prerequisite for insurance.

I know that you will help us to comply with Mrs West's request and very many thanks in advance for this.

DATES for your Diary

May	
Week beginning 21.05.18	KS1 SATs week
Wednesday 23 rd May	Tempest photographers - class photos
Monday 28 th May	HALF TERM
June	
Monday 4 th June	Back to School
Wednesday 6 th June	Swimming 9.30 - 10.30 10.30 - 11.30
Week Beginning 11.06.18	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 12 th June	New Reception parent's meeting 5 - 6pm
Wednesday 13 th June	Swimming 9.30 - 10.30 10.30 - 11.30
Thursday 14 th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 19 th June	British Values Day
Wednesday 20 th June	Swimming 9.30 - 10.30 10.30 - 11.30
Thursday 21 st June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 22 nd June	HINDU Cultural Champion Day
Tuesday 26 th June	International Day

Friday 29 th June	Enterprise Day Year 2 Residential
Friday 6 th July	Reports out to parents/carers
Week beginning 09.07.18	Informal Parent's meetings
Friday 27 th July	Last day of term

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