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Friday 27th January 2017

Dear Parents

You will notice that we have changed the layout of our Newsletter. I hope you like it and find it clearer to read. This edition is slightly longer as we have included the Term Dates for the next academic year.

You may have noticed the feature in the Banbury Guardian yesterday with regard to our fantastic results in the League Table. For a small school it is a wonderful achievement and something we should all be extremely proud of.

Thank you to those parents and governors who attended the Communications meeting last week. We are always looking for ways to improve our communications and there were some great ideas, which we can work on. Thank you to Claire Crofts for cooking the bacon sandwiches, they were very much appreciated!

Next Friday (3rd February) we will be having a Shared Assembly and parents are very welcome to attend. It will be an informal assembly which will give the children the opportunity to show their work.

Finally, you will all have received the invitation to participate in our Parent Survey. We would like as many parents as possible to complete the survey. The replies will go directly to an outside company and will be completely anonymous. They will then collate the results and report the back to the Governors. We are holding a parents breakfast coffee morning and an afternoon event (see dates below). iPads will be available to you to complete the survey if you are unable to do so at home. This is an excellent tool for the governors. Please help us to help you and your children!

DIARY DATES

Friday 3rd February	Yr 3 Carrdus School 'Come & Sing' Workshop
Friday 3rd February	Last Day KS1 Warwick Castle Reply Slips
Friday 3rd February	Head/Gov/Parents Bacon Butty Get together 8.30am
Friday 3rd February	Shared Assembly 2.30pm. Parents Invited
Monday 6th February	Head/Gov/Parents Tea & Biscuit Get together 2.15pm
Monday 6th February	Last Day Yr 6 Junior citizen Reply Slips
Friday 10th February	KS1 visit to Warwick Castle End of Term 3
Monday 20th February	Start of Term 4
Tuesday 21st February	Year 6 Junior Citizen visit, Oxford
Friday 7th April	Easter Service Broughton Church 2.00pm Parents Welcome End of Term 4

Around the Classes

Class 1 have been learning about castles and enjoying the new role play area in the classroom. We have been re-telling fairytales and changing the endings.

Class 2 have been thinking how they would train a dragon. We have written 'super sentences with the power of 3' all about dragons

Class 3 have been enjoying researching their chosen hero to create a powerpoint presentation for the class. They have also been enjoying their swimming sessions and making their puppets for our topic.

Class 4 have been reading the Babylonian tale of Ishtar and Tamuuz and have started writing a persuasive letter based on the themes arising. We have also been imagining ourselves taking part in an Antarctic expedition and are in the process of writing a recount.

Sports News

Table Tennis: On Thursday 26th January a team represented BCS at an U13 competition in Woodstock. They played in groups of four against each other. All of the children played really well, but a special well done to Holly McClymont, Maya Heapy and George Fyfe for reaching the semi finals.

Indoor Athletics: On Tuesday a team of Yr 5 & 6 children went to the Warriner to participate in a Sports Hall Athletics session. They were able to have a taste of all the various activities and they will now be put into teams ready for the competition next week. Mrs Bentley accompanied the children and commented on their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship.

Communications

At the recent staff/governor/parent communication meeting it was raised that some parents are unaware of the e mail contact addresses for the school staff. All of our teaching staff are contactable by e mail, however, due to e mails often coming through to phones, could I please ask that consideration is made of the time when e mailing. Please do not e mail after 9.00pm in the evening. The contact e mail addresses are as follows:

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TERM DATES 2017-18

Start of Term 1	Tuesday 5 th September	(Monday 4 th September Staff Inset)
End of Term 1	Friday 20 th October	
Start of Term 2	Monday 30 th October	
End of Term 2	Tuesday 19 th December	
Start of Term 3	Thursday 4 th January	
End of Term 3	Friday 9 th February	
Start of Term 4	Monday 19 th February	
End of Term 4	Thursday 29 th March	
Start of Term 5	Monday 16 th April	
End of Term 5	Friday 25 th May	
Start of Term 6	Tuesday 5 th June	(Monday 4 th June Staff Inset)
End of Term 6	Friday 20 th July	(23 rd , 24 th , 25 th July Staff Inset)

Bits & Pieces

Poppy Appeal We have received a thank you message from The Royal British Legion for raising £54.00.

Beatniks After School Club There are spaces available in the Tuesday afternoon after school club. This club caters for children in years 1 2 & 3 and includes percussion, instruments, singing, composition and performance. Please enquire at the office for further information.

Medicine Policy

The staff and governors have recently reviewed our Administration of Medicines Policy. Having taken professional advice we have had to make certain changes. The full policy can be viewed on our website, but the main changes to short term medical needs are as follows:

The school will only accept:

- Medicines prescribed by a medical practitioner and medicines that are in date
- Medicines that need to be administered in excess of 3 times per day

The school will not accept or administer

- Medicines that are to be administered 3 times per day (unless the pupil is attending after school club and will not return home immediately after 3.00pm)
- Paracetamol e.g. Calpol or aspirin

Procedures for long term medical needs can be found in the policy.

MEET A GOVERNOR—SIMON JAMES

I am both a Parent Governor (my children are Eva & Henry), and the Chair of Governors. I have been in Education for many years and have taught at various secondary schools around Oxfordshire. Currently I am the Head of Design & Technology at the Warriner School.

I initially joined the Governing body hoping that I could offer some help and advice to the School Governing Body from a parental perspective, as well as a way of learning more about the school that my children attend. Over time the role has changed as I have become Chair. I sit on some of the committees, and attend the meetings of most of the committees. I ensure that the school complies with all of the statutory policies and requirements from the DfE, as well as maintaining an overview of the way the school is running on a day to day basis. As a Chair I also attend the Chair's meeting for the WMAT and Partnership Schools as well as the Oxfordshire Briefings. My other roles include the employment of staff, ensuring the school is held to account and that we are OFSTED and SIAMS ready. I am also responsible for ensuring that the Governing body is effective in its duty and that we have a clear working knowledge of the school curriculum, personnel, budget as well as attainment and progress.

At times the role of being a governor has been challenging, it has also been exceptionally rewarding. It has been a privilege over the past few years to contribute in some small way to an amazing school, full of outstanding staff and pupils. As parents we should be very proud of our school and what it's students achieve both inside and outside the classroom. We are one of the highest performing schools in the country— this is something that we should all celebrate.

Outside of school I enjoy a whole range of activities from family days out to being out in the garden, taking our mad spaniel for a walk , doing some trout fishing or even a little wood turning in the shed.



GOVERNOR VACANCY

The Governing Body of Bishop Carpenter C of E Primary School would welcome interest from any potential new governors committed to raising educational outcomes of all children at our busy village school.

Potential new governors should have a willingness to;

* Work positively with others as part of a team to provide strategic leadership and challenge to the head teacher.

* Develop their knowledge and understanding of their role and of the key issues and priorities facing primary schools by; attending training, reading papers, attending evening meetings (6 per year) visiting the school during teaching hours.

To help us improve the effectiveness of the governing body we are particularly looking for individuals who have experience in financial planning/management

We would also welcome interest from individuals with experience of some of the following; experience in professional leadership or experience of Charing committees, experience in procurement/premises management, experience in PR/marketing, experience in analysing performance data.

If you would like to find out more about our Governing Body and how to apply for one of our vacancies, please contact Catherine Musgrove, the Clerk to the Governors,
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