

Padbury CE School Newsletter Summer Term 2024

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Our value this half term is 'Trust'
'When I am afraid, I put my trust in You.' Psalm 84:12



Welcome back to the Summer term! A great weather week to start us off! I hope you all had a good time away from the routines of school, whatever you were doing.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Bridger for getting married over the Easter Break. Even Timmy the Teddy was there to find out all about it and tell the children this week!

I would also like to welcome Harriet (Harry) into Sycamore class this term. A baptism of fire this week as she joined the Monday assembly and stood up in front of everyone to celebrate her birthday over the Easter break. I know everyone will make her feel welcome very quickly.

Waddesdon Visit -Beech Class

Beech Class are looking forward to their visit to Waddesdon tomorrow. The coach will be leaving here at 9:00am promptly so please do make sure the children arrive at school on time. They will all need a packed lunch from home. Please do contact us if that is an issue. I would suggest children bring wellies in a bag to change into while they are there, and the children arrive in trainers/shoes. If your child is wearing walking boots, it may be a good idea to have a spare pair of shoes to put on too.

Swimming

Oak Class will start their swimming sessions at Swan Pool, next Wednesday. If you would like your child to wear goggles and haven't yet let us know, we need to have received a permission email from you as parents before they begin. Again, please refer to the letters sent from the office for details about swimming and what to wear etc on the day.

Urban Strides -This Friday!

Following the amazing skills the Urban Strides demonstrated at Young Voices this year and last year, Mrs Barker has managed to book them for a morning of dance workshops this Friday. All children will get a session with the group, and we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£5:00** to cover their costs. Children in KS2 who attended the Young Voices will know how amazing they are. Children who did not go or who are in Maple and Beech class can Google them for an idea of what to expect! Positivity and self-belief building through dance. Please pay donations through parent pay as soon as possible if you have not yet done so. **If we do not get enough funds, the event may need to be cancelled. We are currently only at 50% of people who have paid. Children can come to school in their PE kits or change into their PE kits if they are already at school that day.**

Forest School – Maple and Beech Class

The timetable below is for Forest school. You will see we have now split yr1 and yr2 children, so each group gets longer in the woods. As ever, things may need to change as we move through the term, and we will let you know as

and when this happens. Please make sure children come to school in warm enough clothing on the day that they go and with summer heat approaching, sun hats and sun cream too!

Date	Class	Date	Class
17.4.24	Beech -Yr1	5.6.24	Beech -Yr1
24.4.24	Beech – Yr2	12.6.24	Beech -Yr2
1.5.24	Maple	19.6.24	Maple
8.5.24	Beech – Yr1	26.6.24	Beech – Yr1
15.5.24	Beech -Yr2	3.7.24	Beech -Yr2
22.5.24	Maple	10.7.24	Maple

Whitemoor Lakes and Secondary school transfer

On 30th April at 3:30pm Mrs Barker and I will be holding a meeting with Sycamore parents to give more information about the residential visit in July. We will send out the PPT presentation from Whitemoor Lakes for those who are not able to attend after the meeting. Once that meeting is finished, we will be holding a meeting for yr5 parents only on the Secondary School Transfer Test (11+) and how to apply for secondary school places in October 2024. It would be good to have as many parents there as possible, but I can send out the PPT presentation from County following the meeting for those unable to attend.

Diary Dates

Please find below a table of events for the Summer Term. I hope you find these useful. There may need to be changes of dates as we move through the term but hopefully, where we can, these dates will remain.

Calendar of Events Summer Term 2024

Activity	Date	Information
April		
Bikeability	15 th - 18th	Yr5 and Yr6 pupils
Urban Strides	19th	Whole School workshop
Swimming starts	24th	Oak class -yr3 and yr4 pupils (10 weeks)
Sycamore Parents meeting	30th	Whitemoor Lakes and Secondary Transfer Test 3:30pm
May		
Bank holiday	6 th	No one in school
SATS week	13-16 th	Yr6 children only
Quidditch	17th	Whole School -learning a new game!
Eco Summit -ODBST	22nd	2 Eco Council members to represent school at the summit.
June		
INSET	3rd	No children in school
Vision Screening School Nurses	11th	Reception children (Maple class)
Father's Day	14th	Beech and Maple children -2:15pm
Sycamore Class Performance	26 th	2pm start. Doors open at 1:14pm Sycamore parents and families welcome
July		
Padbury Friendly Afternoon	10th	Sycamore to entertain group at school
Reports to Parents	4th	All children

Sports Day/Family picnic	5th	Hopefully on Springfields for Sports Day, school field for picnic.
Whitemoor Lakes Residential	15th,16th 17th	Sycamore class
End of Term Service	22nd	2pm at church2pm at the Church
Yr6 Stay and Play	22nd	Photos etc for Yr6 families for yr6 pupils in school after the church
End of Term	23rd	1:30pm

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