



Welcome Back

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back after the Christmas break and hope that the holiday proved to be an enjoyable and relaxing one. Happy New Year to you all!

Year 6 Museum Trip



Last Friday, Year 6 went to the Bristol Museum to look at the artefacts of the past.

Firstly, we went to a workshop about Ancient Egypt and we were impressed by all of the items. Especially, by the real one (the necklace). We even saw a diary written by an archaeologist, who is from Bristol.

Ancient Egypt

After lunch, we split up into our groups, so that we were not crowding the museum. First, we went to the Egyptian exhibition and saw some amazing artefacts including, a real wrapped up mummy. There many awesome things from canopic jars to a strange looking headrest over 3000 years old.

Stuffed animals and dinosaurs

There were many prehistoric animals to look at in the dinosaur zone. We were amazed by the massive skeleton of the ichthyosaurus. Surprisingly, there were lots of awesome animals, such as a huge Tiger; an Anglerfish; a Dodo bird and Alfred the Gorilla!

18th century glasses

The 18th century glasses were definitely the best part of Mr Higginson's trip. The year 6's also loved them as they all wrote about them a lot!!!!!!

Other crazy things you've got to know about!

Unbelievably, there was a game called Romanopoly that we played after we had looked



at the whole museum. Another jaw-dropping thing was the Romani Chariot that people used to live in.

written by Toby and Ayush

Strike Action

As many of you are aware, the NEU teachers union has balloted members and it has been decided that industrial strike action will take place across the country on a number of dates during February and March. Schools in the south west of England will be affected on the following dates:

1st February

2nd March

15th March

16th March

As a school, we have a significant number of teachers who are members of the NEU union and as such, there is every likelihood that the intended strike action will cause disruption to our school.

By law, teachers do not need to inform the school in advance that they are going to strike and as a result of this, it might be that the school is unaware of who will be striking until after staff are due to have begun work on the morning of each strike day. If this is the case we may not be in a position to announce which children will be able to attend school that day until after 8.30am on each of those mornings.

The leadership of the school has been asked by the Government to try and keep the impact of the strike action on children and their parents to a minimum. We have been asked to consider using staff from supply agencies to cover for teachers on those days and also to consider the use of competent volunteers who have DBS checks in place that we are confident will be able to handle a class for the day.

In line with these guidelines, the leadership of the school is committed to trying to keep disruption to a minimum, however this is a very difficult task as there is a considerable lack of supply teachers available at the moment.

It might be that on the morning of each strike taking place, we are unable to admit large numbers of our children and they will be asked to stay at home. As such we want to give you as much notice as possible so that you can begin to consider alternative provision on those days.

As a result of being unlikely to know exactly who will be striking until the last minute, we will not be running breakfast club on any of the strike days. This is a result of not being able to admit children to breakfast club who potentially will not then have a member of staff present during the day to look after them.

We will contact you nearer the time regarding an update on arrangements for each day and when we will be able to inform you which children will be able to attend school on each strike day.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Our breakfast club is open from 7.45am and our after-school club is open between 3.30pm and 6.00pm.

Bookings for the clubs will be made on a first come first serve basis. If you would like to book a space for your child, please contact the school office.

Diary Dates

Term 3

Children arrive back 3rd Jan
Parent forum 26th January 2.45pm
End Term 10th Feb

Term 4

Term begins 20th Feb
Forest school Year 4 27th Feb – 3rd March
Open afternoon 9th March 3pm
15th and 16th March parent consultations
Forest School Year 5 13th – 17th March
Parent forum 15th March 2.45pm
Sports Relief 17th March (TBC)
MOJO Active – Year 2 21st, 22nd March
MOJO Active – Year 4 23rd, 24th March
Forest school Year 3 27th – 31st March
Year 5 parents' camp meeting 29th March 3.30pm
End Term 31st March

Term 5

Term begins 17th April
MOJO Active – Year 1 26th, 27th April

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MOJO Active – Year 3 2nd, 3rd May
MOJO Active – Year 5 4th, 5th May
Parent forum 11th May 2.45pm
KS2 SATs 8th – 11th May
Year 5 camp (Friday 12th – 13th May)
Forest school Year Reception/Year 1 15 – 19th May
Sports Days 23rd and 24th May (reserve 25th)
INSET 26th May
End Term 26th May

Term 6

INSET 5th June
Children arrive back 6th June
Forest school Year 5 6th – 9th June
New reception parents meeting 12th June 6pm
Forest school Year 6 12th – 16th June
Forest school Year 2 19 – 23rd June
New reception meet the teacher visits 19th June – 23rd June
MOJO Active – Year 6 22nd, 23rd June
Forest school Year 3 27th – 30th June
Parent forum 29th June 2.45pm
Summer fair 1st July (TBC)
Forest school Year 4 3rd – 7th July
New Reception stay and play visits 3rd – 6th July
Reception teddy bear picnic 7th July
21st July End Term

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