



Windy News

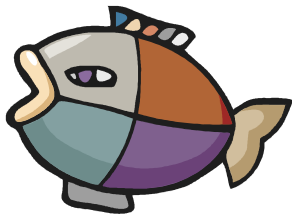


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Primary School

Perfect Pond Potential !

For those parents and pupils who regularly use the back gate into school, you will have noticed the changes to have taken place to our pond area.

Having secured a grant to fund the up-grading work, (well done, Mr Firth!) the work is now complete.

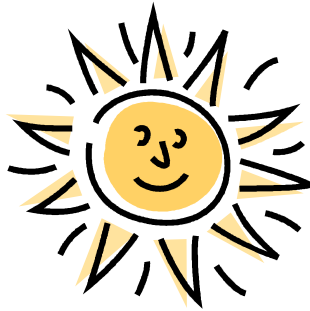


The pond has been re-dug and re-lined with new "dipping platforms" installed to enable children to sit and dip their nets and explore the available pond life.

These changes will have a big impact on how frequently the pond can be used by a whole class and will help the children's learning in science.

In addition, we have been able to buy extra digital cameras to record what the children find during their dipping sessions.

All we need now is some decent weather! Well, trying to arrange that can be difficult...



Staffing News

We welcome Mrs Kay Cummins to our team this week. Mrs Cummins is our new Teaching Assistant, currently supporting children in KS2.

Parents of children in Class 3 will have noticed that Miss Stokoe has not yet returned following her maternity leave. There will be a delay of some weeks

before Miss Stokoe does rejoin us. Miss Knight will continue to teach Class 3 until Miss Stokoe's return.

Mrs Prynne will return from her maternity leave at the start of the new school year in September.

Pupil Massage

We are currently trying a new project to train pupils in the art of peer massage.

The benefits of massage (fully clothed, neck and shoulders only) in terms of relaxation and improved health are well documented.

Training is to take place soon, and participating pupils will be supervised at all times.

What's happening?

See over the page for

- ◆ Dates for your diary
- ◆ Playground Buddies
- ◆ Book Fair
- ◆ Reminders and Requests

Remember!

Would all parents please note that school is closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 5th May.

We are open as usual during the Council elections on Thursday 1st May.



Dates for your Diary

Please remember that some dates may be subject to change.

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More Information

Playground Buddies

Just before the holiday, over 20 children joined a training session to become "Playground Buddies".

Playground Buddies will be operating on both yards every lunchtime, and are there to suggest new games and activities to play.



Year 3 children will help children on the Infant yard, and Year 5 children will help perfect play on the Junior yard. Playground Buddies will wear distinctive red caps to help children identify them.

Thurs 1st May	Local council elections -school will remain open.
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday -school closed
w/c 6th May	Y2 SATs commence
Fri 9th May	Europe Day in school
w/c Mon 12th May	Y6 SATs commence for week
w/c Mon 26th May	School closed for Whit week
Wed 18th June	2.30pm Welcome to KS1 meeting for parents of children currently in Classes 1 & 2
Thur 19th June	9.15am Welcome to Reception meeting for parents of children currently in Nursery 2.00pm Welcome to Nursery meeting for parents of new starters to Nursery in Sept 08
w/c 23rd June	Enterprise Week (further details will follow)
Wed 2nd July	5.00pm Summer Concert
Fri 4th July	Pupil reports and new class arrangements sent out
Thu 10th July a.m.	All children will meet their new class teacher
Mon 14th July	1.30pm Sports Day- Classes 1-5
Tues 15th July	1.30pm Sports Day- Classes 6-11
Wed 16th July	1.30pm Talent Show 6-8pm Leavers' Ball
Thur 17th July	Fun Day
Fri 18th July	9.15am Y6 Leavers' Assembly 3.15pm School closes for summer break

Reminders and Requests

- ◆ We have a large amount of lost property gathering. There are bins in both the Infant and Junior corridors. Please do check at the end of the afternoon if you think your child has mislaid something.
- ◆ Please can I remind parents that children should not change between school meals and packed lunches in the same week. To help the Catering Unit Manager order the correct amount of food, children should remain with the same lunch option all week.
- ◆ We are looking for someone experienced in the fine art of Poly-tunnel erection! The structure was put in last year, and we are now ready to move into new realms of organic fruit and veg production. Anyone who can help should contact Mr Firth please.



Book Fair

Our last book fair raised a total of £990.10 toward School Fund.

We also sold second-hand books during the same week, and over £50 was collected.

Thank you for your support, and to the staff who ran the Fair every day.