

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were very pleased with the attitude of our Year 6 and Year 2 children whilst taking their tests last week, they demonstrated some excellent learning and personal skills of perseverance and resilience. We are very proud of their hard work and thank you for your support.

Today the children in Class 4 took the first steps towards us being a 'Pollination' School. This is a national project to promote greater understanding of the role insects and invertebrates take in pollinating plants and how 2 out of every 3 mouthfuls of our food rely on these creatures. Without them our lives would be very different. The project we are undertaking with Stone School and Playgroup and North Nibley School is to educate our children to recognise pollinating insects, realise their importance and develop their habitats.

Class 4 will be doing a baseline measurement of the insects currently found on the site and this will be used to measure our success. We will be looking for volunteers to help us plant pollinating loving plants and shrubs in the future months. We would love to have lots of the community involvement.

On Friday 10th June we are planning a celebration of the Queens birthday, parents are welcome to come and join us at 1.30pm and share in the announcements of the best **CAKE FOR A QUEEN** and the **QUEEN'S GARDEN** competition, we will then all have tea and cake. Children will need a party plate (food for themselves only) and we are asking them to dress in **RED, WHITE and BLUE** to recognise the occasion. For further details see the website and posters around the school or contact Miss Randall. Remember parents can enter the cake competition too. Children can leave after the tea party.

We are very conscious that children's lives are constantly evolving and we have recently been very concerned about some of our children's internet use at home. We have several plans in place to have different people speak to the children and parents but sometimes the most powerful messages come from other children. Therefore, our Year 6 children will be taking two assemblies on Friday 20th May.

- 2:00pm—Assembly for Year 1, 2 & 3 children and **Reception, Yr 1, 2, 3 parents**  
The children can leave after the assembly at approximately 2.20
- 2.30pm—Assembly for Year 4, 5, 6 children and parents.

We feel this is a really important message as we all need to be informed and vigilant.

Alison Cooke

*Parents are always welcome to attend the Friday Celebration  
Assembly in the hall at 2.30pm*

## IMPORTANT DATES.

Thursday 19th May—Assembly by NSPCC, followed by a workshop for Yr 5 & 6

Friday 20th May—E safety Assemblies led by Year 6

Monday 23rd May—Class 5 to Redwood

Monday 23rd May—Class 4 to WWT

Tuesday 24th May—Yr 2 Cluster Dance Day at N. Nibley School.

27th May—8th June Summer 1/2 term holiday

Friday 10th June—Queen's Birthday Celebration—see the posters

11th June—SLIMBRIDGE VILLAGE SPORTS & Village Fete, - something for all the family

13th -15th June—Year 6 Residential

22nd June—School sports day

W/b 13th June—Phonics Screening for Yr 1

Wednesday 22nd June—Sports Day (weather permitting)

23rd June—LOs to Bristol Zoo

27th June Marling Induction Day

4th—8th July Cycling Proficiency.  
Thursday 21st July—End of term

**You can vote for both staff members through the respective papers.**

Foss update

Thank you to those of you that supported our movie night. We raised £130 and the children all had a lovely time watching a film with their friends.

We want to give a huge thank you to one of the parents here at the school. Jen Carhart managed to secure us a donation of £420 through her workplace who offer a match funding scheme for local charities. This is a fantastic donation. Thank you very much Jen for all your help in getting it. It would be lovely if we could raise more money this way, if anyone else knows of this scheme running at their place of work please let us know!

We have a busy term coming up with lots of chances for people to get involved and help us with our fundraising.

10 June - Queens Birthday Tea Party - we will be providing refreshments.

11 June - Slimbridge Village Sports & Fete - Foss will be running some games and stalls.

22 June - School Sports Day - refreshments will be available in the cricket pavilion.

3 July - Sponsored Bike Ride and School Summer Fete - more to follow on this exciting event!

8 July - Summer Disco.

Quick plea for help - if you have any spare empty glass jars (jam etc) please could you bring them in to school, we want to fill them for a tombola stall at the village sports & fete. We are also starting the annual hunt for raffle prizes, if anyone has any contacts we'd be very grateful for any goodies to add in! Lastly we are looking for volunteers to help at all of the above events so if you can help in any way at all please let one of us know.

Many thanks

Libby, Jo & Jess

FoSS Team

*SuperStars will be running FUN Multi Sports Holiday Course at the school over the May Half Term Holidays (Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June).*

*The course is suitable for children aged 4-11 and runs from 8.45-15.30 Daily (Mini Stars - 4 year olds finish at 13:00, SuperStars - aged 5+ finish at 15:30).*

*For more information and to book please get in touch with SuperStars directly on 0845 241 3682 or at <https://bookings.super-stars.org.uk/>*

**NSPCC—Speak out. Stay safe**

As part of a important nationwide initiative the NSPCC are coming in to talk to the children about how to recognise abuse, they will cover hitting, verbal abuse, sexual abuse, neglect and bullying. Their aim is to visit every primary school in the country and they have already visited many of our neighbouring schools. All children will attend the assembly presentation and then the NSPCC representatives will run workshops for our older children.

Please be aware that some of the material is about keeping safe from sexual exploitation and this