

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am really pleased to be able to tell you that Mrs McNamara has been appointed as the Co-Head and will work alongside myself to lead the school for the next 12 months. She will be in charge one day a week, as yet to be agreed, starting after the summer half term holiday. She plans to continue teaching for part of the day and her job share, Mrs Clune, will take the class for the afternoon when she is busy in the office. This is a great opportunity for Mrs Mac to develop her experience in leadership, for the school to have a fresh pair of eyes assessing how we move forward and for myself to share the leadership role. I'm sure you will support Mrs Mac in her new role. I would like to thank the governors for allowing me the additional time I need to support my family and I hope as parents you all understand that it doesn't mean I am less committed to the school.

On a very serious note, we are becoming increasingly concerned about our children's exposure to unknown children, young people and adults when gaming on line. Over the last few months we have become aware that some of our younger children are making 'friends' and joining on-line groups whilst playing seemingly innocent games like Minecraft. I will attach some guidance that might help you manage your child's on line use and keep them safe. There are also some useful links on the website, see the bottom of this newsletter. All these will give you useful ideas on how to keep tabs on who your child is talking to in the safety of their own home and hopefully stay one step ahead of technological changes. We are also planning some information sessions for the children and will invite parents into these, so you can then talk to your children at home.

Finally, we are administrating Year 2 & Year 6 SATs next week, please ensure your child is well rested, fed and relaxed for Monday.

Alison Cooke

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

**Do you have any Meerkat soft toys?  
Class 1 are doing a topic on wild animals and need a  
meerkat family, if you can help please see Mrs Mac.**

## IMPORTANT DATES.

Monday 9th May—SATs Week for  
Year 2 & 6 pupils.

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

Friday 20th May— FOSS Bingo Night  
TBC

Tuesday 23rd May—Class 5 to Red-  
wood

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

27th May—6th June Summer 1/2  
term holiday

Wednesday 8th June—Sports Day  
(weather permitting)

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

4th—8th July Cycling Proficiency.

Thursday 21st July—Last day of the  
year.



Some lucky children find spelling easy, but for those who find it tricky and/or don't enjoy it, learning the weekly spellings can be a real chore. Here are a few simple ideas for making the process more fun and less painful (for parents and children alike)!

- Try putting salt/sugar/flour into a shallow tray or baking tray. Give your child a paint brush and ask them to 'write' the spellings into the salt/sugar/flour.
- Practise spellings on a small white board – many children prefer this as if they go wrong the word can easily be rubbed off and there isn't a permanent record of it.
- Write the spellings on a chalk board for your child, they then carefully paint over the letters to make them disappear.
- Ask your child to copy the spellings onto white paper using a white crayon – they can then paint over them using watery paint and watch the words magically appear.
- Use chalk to write the words on the patio or pavement outside.
- Rainbow writing – copy out the spellings using a different colour for each letter.
- Write out the words on a large sheet of paper then children carefully paint over each letter.
- Make the words out of pipe cleaners/straws/pencils.
- Make the words out of play dough!

*SuperStars will be running a 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/>*

**Please check out the E safety page (Parents tab) on the school website.**