

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably we are coming into the last few weeks of the school year and as usual we have lots still to do. Some of you will have noticed I wasn't in school last Monday, and Mrs McNamara had taken up the reins. We are really happy to be sharing this important role and think the school will benefit from our shared energy.

Last week our Year 6 children went on residential, this year sharing the experience with the children from Stone-with-Woodford School. We went to South Cerney Water sports centre again this year and the children had a fabulous time sailing, canoeing and generally getting wet. The children had a great experience and made another step to being independent and moving to the next stage of their education. Our thanks go to Miss Randall, who organised the whole trip, Mrs Lucia and Mr Cann for giving up their time to take the children.

You will have seen from the FOSS publications that they have recently provided the school with a large quantity of PE equipment. This was purchased by FOSS but we also had a huge contribution from Mr & Mrs Squire, and we thanked them for their generosity.

Next week we have Sports Day organised for Wednesday. The plan is to start at 1.15 and we should be finished by 2.30. Unfortunately because the bridge leading from the school to the Recreational Ground is still not in use we will need to walk the children and all our equipment down St Johns Rd. Hopefully, with the support we have received from the Slimbridge Solar Farm Fund we can make a start at mending the bridges and moving towards making that a possible entry to the school from the British Legion Car park. Wouldn't it be a dream come true for all parents to park at the BL and walk to school across the fields!

The builders of the new houses on St Johns Road have informed us that there will be traffic lights in action on Monday 20th to Tuesday 21st June and again on the 27th June whilst they connect up the main utilities. This will obviously cause additional congestion, so please add extra time to your usual journey. As always we recommend using the British Legion and Village Hall car parks whenever possible.

There are lots of events still to go before the summer break, so please watch out for news about the Music Concert on the 30th June and this year's drama production on the 19th and 20th July.

Alison Cooke

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

## IMPORTANT DATES.

20th June—Book Fair

20th June—Redwood Class 3

20th June—LOs to Bristol Zoo

22nd June—School sports day  
1:30pm

24th June—Class 5 Cake Stall

27th June—Marling Induction Day

27th June—Redwood Class 5

30th June— Music Concert pm

4th—8th July Cycling Proficiency.

8th July— Redwood Class 1

11th July—Redwood Class 4

15th July—Reports

18th July—Cluster Redwood Day for  
Reception and Year 1

19th July—Drama Production; Bombs  
& Blackberries afternoon perfor-  
mance.

20th July—Drama Production;  
Bombs & Blackberries afternoon &  
evening performance

Thursday 21st July— Leaver's As-  
sembly at the Church

Last day of term



please have a conversation with your children about staying away.  
Thank you

## Read, read and read some more...

Here at Slimbridge School we really strive to help our children become confident readers who love books. We appreciate the support you give us in reading *to* your children, listening to *them* read and encouraging them. Did you know that the amount children read is the single biggest indicator of how well they will perform at school? However, we do realise that getting children to read isn't always easy! So here are a few tips to try at home:

1. Try reading at different times of the day to find the best time for your child (e.g. after school, bedtime, breakfast time, in the car before school).
2. How about having a family reading time when everyone sits down and looks at books or magazines? It can be very powerful for children to see that their parents enjoy reading.
3. Encourage your child to read anything and everything – books, magazines, comics, recipes, car manuals, instructions on games, game/DVD covers....
4. Visit your local library together so that your child can have access to a wide range of books.
5. Encourage your child to listen to audio books. These are great a bed time and can develop vocabulary and comprehension.
6. Read to your child as much as possible, even once they can read themselves. You can give them access to books they wouldn't be able to read alone and it can lead to lots of conversations about the story and the vocabulary.
7. Maybe an older child could read to a younger sibling? Or a younger one could read stories to their dolls/teddies/pets?

Good Luck

## *SPORTS DAY*

*Recreation Ground 1.15pm*

*Wednesday 22nd June 2016*

*Children will return to school to collect their belongings prior to parents collecting*



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