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DRY SANDFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Leading Lifelong Learning; Creating Caring Communities.

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FODSS:

Friends of Dry Sandford School (FODSS) are always looking for new parents to join their fabulous, supportive team. If you have a few spare hours and would like to help organise fundraising events for the school, please contact Jan Bartlett (premierjan@gmail.com). They are currently in the early stages of making plans for a **Summer Fete** and would be very grateful for ideas and help with making it possible. If you have your own company or know of any local businesses who would be interested in sponsoring the event or making a donation in return for some thanks and advertising, then please let us know.

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING (Free School Meals): Your child may be eligible for extra funding to support their learning and wellbeing at school. Please pop into the school office, give us a call or an email, or take a look at the Pupil Premium section of our website to find out more – we just need a few details to find out if you are entitled.

UPDATE ON PLAYGROUND WORKS

Many thanks for your support and understanding during the drainage works on the KS2 playground. It is great to be able to use it again now! The EYFS gates have now also been fixed, meaning that KS1 parents should now be able to access the playground through the EYFS playground to drop-off and pick-up Barn Owls Class from their usual playground door. This week, new play equipment has been installed on the EYFS playground and we are all very excited to be able to start using it. Please help us to remind children that play equipment cannot be used before or after the school day.

END TO EARLY FINISHES AT THE ENDS OF TERMS

Over previous years, school has finished earlier than usual, at 1.30pm, at the end of each long term. In line with national expectations, this will no longer continue so school will finish at the normal times of 3.05pm for Owlets and Barn Owls and 3.10pm for Snowy Owls and Eagle Owls at the end of every term, including the end of this summer term – Wednesday 24th July.

ABSENCES

A reminder that it is a legal requirement for parents to notify the school office of a child's absence by **9.30am on EACH day** that a child is not at school. This can be done by email, phone or by leaving an answer-phone message.

SCHOOL PE UNIFORM

A reminder that our school PE uniform is a burgundy t-shirt with burgundy shorts (available to purchase from the School Trends website) with plimsolls or trainers. During cold weather, black or burgundy jogging bottoms and a school fleece may also be worn over the top of PE kit.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY

Next Tuesday 23rd April will be a special non-uniform day to celebrate St George's Day. Children will be able to come to school dressed in **red and white**, or in their Scouts/ Rainbows/ Brownies uniform. We will also be celebrating in classes throughout the day with a host of fun activities, such as shield making, and learning about how this important National Day is commemorated up and down the country as well as around the world.

DRY SANDFORD'S HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to the following pupils who have earned certificates in Celebration Assemblies in March.



Learning & Caring Certificates:

Eibhlin
Noahang
Jasmine
Indee-Rose
Catalina
Kai
Mae
Kobie
Austin
Sophie
Noah

Headteacher Awards:

Ollie
Alba-Grace
Mila
Surbi
Rayson
Flavia
Luka
Zoonka

Headteacher Reward Invitations:

Eva
Zoonka
Harry
Jack
Holly
Norah
Emma



What's happening:

Tuesday 23rd April – St George's Day – children to wear red and/or white or scouting/guiding uniforms

Monday 6th May – BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs Assessments

Monday 20th May – House Sports Challenge (in school)

Thursday 23rd May – Year 6 Junior Citizens trip to Rewley Road Fire Station, Oxford

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Monday 3rd June – INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)

Wb. Monday 10th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening and Year 4 Multiplication Assessments taking place throughout the week

Tuesday 11th June - Radley College Orchestra Day (further information to be sent separately to the children involved)

Tuesday 25th June – Eagle Owls trip to Science Day at Harwell Campus

Friday 28th June – Vision Screening – Reception children

Monday 1st July – School Reports to go home

Tuesday 2nd July – **School transition afternoon**

Tuesday 2nd July - Parents Meeting for new Reception families – 2.30pm

Friday 5th July – Police visit for Eagle Owls Class

Tuesday 9th July – **School transition morning**

Thursday 11th July – Odds Farm School Trip for Owlets and Barn Owls (further details will follow)

Monday 15th July – Friday 19th July – Eagle Owls residential trip to Yenworthy

Monday 22nd July – Sports Morning from 9.15am – parents and families welcome

Wednesday 24th July – Leavers Assembly from 9.15am

Wednesday 24th July – Last day of term. **School ends 3.05/3.10pm**

Thursday 25th July – Friday 30th August – SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September – INSET DAYS (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 4th September – First day of new academic year

Dates to be confirmed...

School Summer Fete

Viking visit to Snowy Owls class

Key Stage 2 Summer Production