



## Parent Readers

We would like to hear from any parents who are willing to spare time each week to come into school to hear children read. It is hugely beneficial to the children in helping to develop their skills as competent readers. Parent readers are needed in all classes across the school. Please can you speak to your child's teacher if you are able to help.

## Cycling Reminder

Due to health and safety reasons we ask that children and their younger siblings do not ride their bikes and scooters on the school playground. The playground is normally full of parents and children at the beginning and end of the day and the entrance path into school is particularly narrow. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

In order to support the MacMillan cancer charity, a coffee morning has been organised for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall. Parents are invited to attend from 10am. Donations of cakes and biscuits for this event would be greatly appreciated and should be sent in on the morning of the event.

## Welcome Back

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back after the summer break. Hopefully you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and were able to unwind from what was a busy summer term. We would like to say a special welcome to Jacob, Ethan C, Daniel, Gracie, Ryan, Evie, Ayla, Amber, Ethan G, Lucas, Riley, Rhys, Freya M, Olivia, Samuel, Brandon, Eden, Marshall, Ted, Chloe, Noah, Leo, Libby, Pheobe, Tommylee, Alexander, Connie-Leigh, Poppy, Freya W & Louie who have joined us for the first time this term in our reception class and Destiny who has joined us in Year 1 and Alex in Y2.

## Uniform

At the end of last year we sent a reminder out in the last newsletter regarding our uniform guidelines. This was as a result of a small number of children who were beginning to arrive in school wearing items which were inappropriate to wear during the school day. It is very noticeable how smart our children look this term and we would like to thank all of our parents for ensuring that their children abide by these guidelines – Thank you!

## Booking Holidays

This is to remind parents who are in the process of booking holidays for this year that unfortunately we are unable to authorise any holidays which take place during Term 1 (1<sup>st</sup> September – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010) and Term 5 (16<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012). This is following advice from South Gloucestershire Local Authority who highlight the disruption it causes children settling into their new classes at the beginning of the year and due to assessment and testing which is carried out during the early part of the summer term. We strongly urge all parents not to book holidays during these periods – thank you.

## Babushka the Slender-tailed Meerkat

As you may have been made aware by your children, Mr Hindle, Miss Jackson and Mr Lawson bought the school a rather unusual present before they left the school at the end of last term. They decided to adopt a Meerkat on our behalf. Our Meerkat is called Babushka and she lives at Bristol Zoo. She was born at the zoo and has since mothered many other young meerkats. She is a very keen sunbather and we are told that her

## Meeting your child's teacher

Parents of children in our reception class will have the opportunity to make an appointment to meet with Mrs Cunningham during the third week of this term. Parents of children in other year groups will be sent details of our parent consultation evenings later on this term. In the meantime parents are very welcome to pop into their child's classroom after school to talk with their child's teacher either to introduce themselves or to ask any questions or discuss any concerns that they may have. Due to the pressures of settling classes at the beginning of the day we do ask that parents do not do this at the beginning of the day unless it is urgent.

## New Intake for Reception 2012

We have organised three sessions this term for parents to visit the school to have a look around for next year's reception class intake. The sessions have been arranged for:

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 9.30am

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 1.30pm

Parents do not need to make an appointment to attend. Each session will start with a short presentation about the school, followed by a guided tour of the school building by some of our Year 6 pupils.

## Homework

For your information we are publishing below the school guidelines on the homework that your child should be receiving on a regular basis.

Reception	Reading (daily) Phonics (weekly) Number bonds (regularly)
Years 1 and 2	Reading (ideally daily) Key words (weekly) Maths tables or number bonds (weekly) Project work (one or two projects per term)
Years 3 – 6	Reading (3 – 4 times a week at home) Spellings (weekly) Maths tables (weekly) Project work (one or two projects per term)

Projects will be based on one of the topics being studied in class during the half term. The projects should encourage the children to complete the work in a creative way that inspires their interests over a period of time. Parents are allowed and encouraged to work with their children to complete the tasks.

## FoWS AGM

Our parent and teacher association, FoWS has organised their AGM on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the school hall. This is an important occasion as it is the time when the chair and treasurer are elected and fundraising events for the year are decided upon. FoWS is a hard working group of individuals who raises funds to support your child at school. We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to join. Your help is needed and we would like to encourage you to support us by coming along to the AGM meeting.

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September Open morning for prospective new parents 9.30am  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Reception parents invited for lunch  
 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September Open afternoon for prospective new parents 9.30pm  
 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September FoWS AGM 7.30pm  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September MacMillan coffee morning 10am  
 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October Open morning for prospective new parents 1.30pm  
 Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Festival  
 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October School photographer  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October End of Term  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October Half Term  
**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October INSET day (No children)**  
 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November Children arrive back  
 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November Open afternoon for all classes except Reception  
 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November Parents' evening  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November Parents' evening  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need  
 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Christmas Fair  
 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December KS1 production  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December KS1 production  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December Children's Christmas dinner  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December Carol Concert  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December Last day of term  
 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January Christmas holiday  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January INSET day (No children)**  
 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January children arrive back

### Data Confirmation Sheets

Years 1-6 will soon be receiving data confirmation forms for checking. Please check and make any changes to the form.

Due to the amount of work involved in processing amendments and re-printing individual contact cards it would be much appreciated if these can be done in bulk so we ask that forms be returned to the office by 30<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Dinner Money**

Now £1.70 per meal

**Breakfast Club**

Now £2.00 per session