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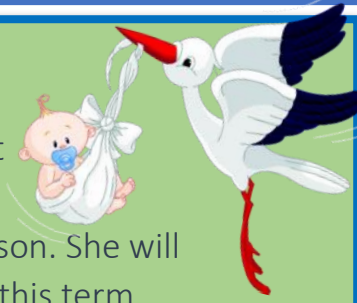
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Happy News!

We are so pleased to announce that Mrs Johnson is expecting a baby! Congratulations to her and Mr Johnson. She will go on maternity leave at the end of this term.



Thank you

A huge thank to everyone who has supported our PTA in their fundraising efforts over the past couple of years. This week has seen a new trim trail fitted courtesy of funds from the PTA. The trim trail looks amazing and we are so grateful for all that the PTA do for our school and our children.

Brass on the Grass - We are looking forward to 'Brass on the grass' on Saturday evening - bring a picnic and your favourite tippie sit back and relax to the sounds of Avonbank Brass on the grass.



Coming up...



- Saturday – Brass on the Grass**
- Monday – Senior Choir & Walk-In Monday**
- Tuesday – Art Club (Group B)**
- Wednesday – Maypole Club & Y1parents - Phonic Presentation**
- Thursday – Picnic & Sports Afternoon**
- Friday – TED DAY**



Residential



You can see photos from our Y4/5 residential trip on our website under Severn class pages - residential 2024. Thank you to Miss Aucock, Mrs Daniels and Mrs Ellis for gifting the school their time to accompany our children, we are so grateful.

Phonics

Year One Parents Phonics Presentation.

After half term, children in Year one will be undertaking their Phonic check assessment. To prepare for this Mrs Johnson would like to meet with all year one parents on Wednesday 22nd May, straight after school, to discuss how you can help your child at home over the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at that meeting.

LUNCHES – NEXT WEEK

We have had a message from Miquill who provide our lunches.

Due to staffing shortages and equipment repairs they have had to make some changes to the menu on Monday and Tuesday next week.

On Monday 3rd June they will be providing jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings and ice cream for dessert.

On Tuesday, the dessert is being changed to Chocolate Mousse.

Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Walk-In- Monday!

Monday 20th May – 3.15pm



Your child will be proud to show you all they have achieved this year so far.

Grandparents Day - 25th June

Children with no siblings at school will invite their grandparents into school on the morning of the 25th and children with siblings at school will invite their grandparents into school in the afternoon of the 25th June.

Further details to follow.



REMINDER

Lunches need to be ordered by Thursday 23rd May for the week commencing 3rd June!

As part of their unit of work on Frederick Preedy, Severn class had a visit from Wendy Stafford.

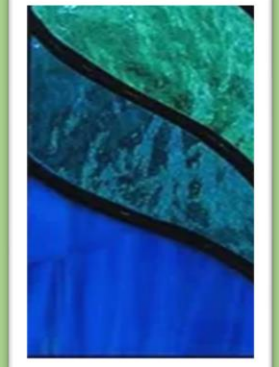


Wendy, like Preedy, is a glass artist who lives and works in Offenham. She works from her studio, the Art Pad, and creates beautiful works using glass – both fused and stained. This is what Wendy says about her work:

"I want my art to inspire people to look more carefully at the world around them and to discover the beautiful world around them in whatever form I don't attempt to make exact replications of plants and wildlife, but I do want my creations to have felt they have belonged somewhere. Being around beautiful objects that pay tribute to the natural world helps us to reconnect and slow down, especially in the world we live in now."

We want to say a huge thank you to Wendy for giving up her time, she is a very busy lady. After she left us she was going to set up some of her work in a sculpture garden.

Thank you



This Week in Malvern Class...

In D.T. this half term, Year one have been learning the different ways that we can join materials together to make a puppet based on the story of Red Riding Hood. We designed, cut and glued and came up with some really brilliant puppets!

Year two have been using a running stitch to join materials to make a pouch from their own design. The two children found this skill tricky at first but they are now 'pros'!

Well done for all your hard work Malvern class.



Top Dogs

- Schools across West Mercia are being decked out with a new card game which aims to be used as a tool for officers and children to engage with each other.

Top Dogs cards will be distributed by Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) to primary school aged children across all three counties in the force area - Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire.

There are 56 different trump cards to be snapped up, each featuring a different West Mercia Police dog with their statistics and a fact about the canine.

The aim is for children to collect all 56 cards - whether they approach an officer for a game of Top Dogs, or swap cards with their friends - but the ultimate aim is to have fun!

If you see a local police officer, please ask them for a card!

PC Prentice and PC Beards met with some of our children before they left for their Residential and handed out some top dog cards.





Darcey's Health and Well-being Box



Here are Darcey's tips for the week from 'Action for happiness' from meaningful May.

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful



Wake Up Wednesday



Make sure to take a look at the 'Wake-up Wednesday' information sheet being sent out via email today. The subject of the briefing is school avoidance.

Thought of the Week

In our WOW assembly time on Monday we learned more about auroras – Aurora Borealis and the Aurora Australis. I saw this interesting quote which personified the Northern Lights and imagines them giving us advice.

So here it is, advice from the Northern Lights –

"Show your true colours, glow with excitement, keep looking up, have a magnetic personality, get a charge out of life, stay full of wonder, lighten up!"



23rd May - Picnic, Sports Day and Event.

We invite all of our families to join your children for a picnic before the sports day starts. The gates open at 11.45am for you to come into the school grounds and set up your picnic space. Your children will join you at 12pm for the picnic. You can either send your child to school with a packed lunch or bring it with you when you come. If you are unable to make the picnic your child will be able to eat with staff members.

Your child will need to come to school wearing their PE kits and trainers. We have coloured bib for each house team. There will be optional parent races and we ask that you wear your child's team colour.



Music Box



This week we've been listening to music by Ralph Vaughan Williams. We listened to 'The lark ascending' on our way into assembly -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOWN5fQnzGk>



and 'The wasps' on the way out of assembly time -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZmgW0pi84qA>

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

- Thursday 23rd May – Sports Day & Picnic
- Friday 24th May - Staff Training Day
- HALF TERM – 27th May – 31st May
- Friday 7th June – Y5 trip and sleepover
- Tuesday 25th June – Grandparents Day
- Monday 1st July – KS1 trip to Warwick Castle
- Friday 19th July – TERM ENDS
- Monday 22nd July – Staff Training Day



Childnet – Information for parents about online issues: <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>



PTA DIARY DATES

- Sat. 18th May – Brass on the Grass with Avonbank Brass Band
- Friday 21st June – Non-uniform day (cake)
- Sunday 23rd June – Summer Fayre
- TBC July – Teddy Bear's Picnic for new starters



REMINDERS



RECYCLING - We have a recycling drop-off point in our entrance area - you can bring your pens, batteries and empty crisp packets.



REMINDER - SCHOOL MEALS

School meals must be ordered on ParentPay by Thursday of the week before. **ANY ORDERS LATER THAN THAT CANNOT BE PROCESSED.**



Safeguarding



Please could we ask that if your child has hurt themselves at home and has a scratch, bruise or bump that you email the office alerting us to this.

Water bottles - Children should bring a water bottle with them each day.

If your child would like juice at lunch time, please send another bottle.

ONLY WATER IN CLASS.



Reader Helpers - If you can spare an hour or so to come and listen to children read, please speak to a member of staff. You will then be provided with all the required safeguarding forms to complete.

Health and Safety

Just a reminder that bikes and scooters should not be ridden across the playground. Please make sure to dismount and push them across the playground so that everyone remains safe.



Offenham Baby and Toddler Group (NCT) takes place every Friday @ Offenham Village Hall 10 - 11.30am.

Awards This week:



Golden Apples:

Avon - Claudia & Freddie

Malvern - Imogen & Emmy

Cotswold - Myles & Nellie



Cheer Bear - Isla

Sports Award - Steliyan

Viv - Robyn



Stars of the Week

Avon - Leia

Malvern - Elsie

Cotswold - Annabelle

Severn - Ffion

Attendance

Avon -97.6% Malvern -95%

Cotswold -97.9% Severn -97.5%

Overall-97%



Birthdays

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Freddie, Ava, Jacob B & Thomas.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthday of Freddie, Ava, Jacob and Thomas and we say thank you that they are part of our school family. We pray that they may grow in wisdom and grace; give dignity and respect to others and that they may know your hope and joy every day. Strengthen and bless them on their birthday and every day throughout the next year.

Amen.



Housepoints

Double Housepoints next week!