



Primary Newsletter

7 June 2019

Summer term diary dates

June

Mon 10 – 14 Key Stage phonics assessment week

Wed 12 – Yr 6 Deanery Service

Thur 13 – Yr 3 Parent lunch

Thur 13—Year 5/6 Frisbee Tournament

Fri 14 – Class photos

Fri 14 – Yr 5 assembly

Tues 18—Yr 5 Junior Citizen trip at Sobell

Wed 19 – Sports' Day

Thur 20—Year 6 pupils going to SMMA Secondary Parent/Teacher meeting for Year 7

Thur 20—Yr 3 & 4 OAE Concert

Fri 21—non uniform day—fundraising

Wed 26—Deadline for collection Operation Orphan

Thur 27 – Summer Fair

Fri 28 – Yr 2 class assembly

July

Mon 1 – Transition day for Year 6 pupils going to SMMA Senior school.

Mon 1 – Transition morning for all other year groups. TBC

Wed 3 – New Reception class parent meeting 5pm

Thur 4 – Reception cake sale

Mon 8—Yr 6 Summer Sports Festival

Tues 9— Yr 5 & 6 Track & Field event

Thur 11 – New Reception transition day

Fri 12 – Yr 6 leavers' party

Mon 15 – End of year reports to parents

Tue 16 – Yr 6 Exhibition evening 4.30 – 6pm

Fri 19—End of year service at St Mary Magdalene Church Time TBC

In celebration assembly this week, Mrs Baker-Spencer gave certificates to our 'mini mentors'. Samiah has written a short report on what mini mentors have been doing.

Some of year 5 have volunteered to be mini mentors and have played, helped and been a friend to children in KS1. We have all enjoyed helping them, teaching them and playing with them. It was super fun (even though they sometimes didn't listen). We will all dearly miss looking after the all of them all very much and will hope to see them continuing to play nicely in the future..



What's your rock status?

It's been great to see so many pupils logon to TTRS. We'll be featuring rock stars of the month from each class in the coming week so keep working your way to earn coins and achieve glory! Remember you can also challenge the teachers. In fact Ms Luzmore, who can be somewhat competitive, is as yet undefeated in rock slam battles despite some talented opponents coming very close. I wonder who will be the first to show her who should wear the rock crown?

This week's HEROes:

Reception - Tejiri

Year 1 - Junior

Year 2 - Alex

Year 3 - Vinnie

Year 4 - Grace B

Year 5 - Jonathan

Year 6 - Bolu

Here
Everyday
Ready
On time

Reminder that toys should only be brought in to school for Golden Time on a Friday. Thank you!



In this week's assemblies, we learnt about Eid ul-Fitr celebrations, why they happen at this time of year (linked to the phases of the moon) and why Muslims fast during Ramadan. Eid Mubarak to all our families celebrating this week. Mr Standing spoke about the importance of honesty and used that well-known Boy Who Cried Wolf analogy to illustrate this. We thought about how being honest, even when it is difficult, actually feels good and helps build trust between people. Year 4 gave a presentation about Operation Orphan to the school (more information below). Ms Luzmore told the amusing story of a little old lady who was hidden in a gigantic pumpkin to get away from some scary predators. We also looked at the 75 year anniversary of D day and why this event remains important to our lives now.

Keep A Child Warm collection

This week in assembly Year 4 asked if the school could help them support Keep A Child Warm—a campaign from Operation Orphan. Please have a look at home to see if you have any of the items listed on the right in good condition which Year 4 have organised to be collected and sent to children in Europe and the rest of the world to keep them warm during cold spells and night time. Please could all items be donated by **Wednesday 26 June**.



We are really proud of **Tillie in Year 4** who has been fundraising for Little Princess Trust. This fantastic charity provides real hair wigs to children and young people with hair loss, and funds research into childhood cancer. Tillie has raised nearly £400 in sponsorship for her donation of hair. We think you're amazing Tillie!



Tillie with the hair she is donating

Notes from meetings with Ms Luzmore and School Council representatives

1. Ideas for themed days—Ms Luzmore agreed to the reintroduction of international week and we discussed having a food event after school for parents to join.
2. Ideas for fundraisers—we discussed some of these. Ms Luzmore pointed out that some were not suitable for all ages and some required things to be purchased which perhaps was not the best use of money, but was open to year groups taking on particular ideas.
3. Request for some playground equipment to be replaced—Ms Luzmore agreed, but with the caveat that pupils understand their responsibility in looking after items. Some were being used in ways in which they were not designed and were therefore not lasting as long as they should.
4. Request that certain vegetables are less mushy and that salads are refilled more often in the lunch service—Ms Luzmore agreed to send this request to catering team. We spoke about the issue with some children taking more than they will eat from the salads and wasting food, which then means there is less overall and how school council can support pupils in understanding this too.
5. Football—Ms Luzmore listened to some suggestions and grumbles about football and agreed it was challenging. While some ideas about lists for teams etc sound nice in principle, in reality the more time spent on these things, the less time is spent actually playing. We have recently had volunteer pupils from Year 9 coming to help with lunchtime games and we've asked them to referee when they are here to help support pupils in the beautiful game.
6. The pupils talked about how popular parent lunch is and requested that next year we organise lessons with parents. Ms Luzmore agreed and will talk with teachers about this.