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Be Adventurous









Date: 28th June 2024

# Newsletter

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that there are only 4 weeks to go until the end of this academic year - and the last few weeks always seem to be the busiest! With the warmer weather finally here, please ensure your child has a sun hat and water bottle in school and that suncream is applied BEFORE they come to school. If your child can not be on the field for sports day or playtime due to severe hay fever please speak to the teacher so we can look at alternative options. All other children will be spending time on the field for sports and play.

I hope you can join us next Wednesday or Thursday afternoon for our sports day events; children have been practising different races and skills this week and will really appreciate your support if you are able to attend. Children will be bring home their PE kits today in readiness for Sports Week next week when they will wear their PE kits all week. Please note we can not allow photos and mobile phones for safeguarding reasons.

Friends of Badbury Park have been hard at work preparing for the Summer Fair tomorrow on the school field and playground. This promises to be bigger and better than ever, and with your help, will raise money to fund additional resources for the school (please see page 5). All children will benefit from Jungle Jonathan and Skippy John workshops before the end of term and this is all a result of the hard work that the FOBPPS have put in.

I have been very pleased to be able to welcome many of you into our school recently to the Reception and Nursery Stay and Play sessions. The last session will be on **Friday 12th July 15.30-16.30**. The rest of school will meet their new teacher on Tuesday 16th July and reports will go out on Friday 12th July.

Have a lovely weekend—Mrs Dance







<u>Nursery</u>: This week, Apple Tree have been very ambitious in trying out new activities and working together as a team. We've been continuing with our funky fingers, using bands to make patterns and our squiggle wiggle mark making. In maths, we have been looking at different ways to make 10 using Numicon aliens.



We are becoming really confident in sharing our knowledge with others and explaining how we know. We are looking forward to Sports Week and our Sports Day, we've been trying lots of different races and are nearly ready for the Olympics! Please join us next Tuesday for our sports day and picnic (see page 4)

**Reception**: What a week full of sunshine! This week we finished Aaron Becker's trilogy, ending with 'Return' and it sparked our imagination to make our own castles and build giant thrones outside. With the summer weather, our outside kitchen turned into an ice cream shop, selling lots of different flavoured ice cream, cookies and drinks. We also used mud and sand to make cupcakes to eat at a summer party!





We have been busy practising for sports day so we are ready for next week, remembering to enjoy ourselves, have fun and try our best!



In maths, Ash and Oak have been very ambitious counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and using a 100 square to spot the different number patterns. We are looking forward to enjoying the last few weeks of fantastic exploring and learning!



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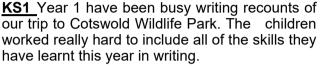




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In Maths, we introduced the children to money. The children have been enthusiastically sorting and comparing value of coins. In DT we have looked at different types of puppets and the

children had a fantastic time performing their own puppet show. We are looking forward to creating our very own puppets based on our designs!

Over recent weeks, Year 2 have been busy with our new Science and Geography topics. In Science, we are learning about plants and have been out on the field finding plants and naming the parts. We then returned to the playground, drew our own plant and wrote some labels. In Geography, we are learning about volcanoes







and the children were so excited to experience an eruption in the immersive room. Here, we learnt some facts about volcanoes. In class, we used peaches to explain the structure of the earth and where the magma comes from.









KS2 This week Year 3 have been enjoying the sunshine whilst practising for our upcoming sports day! We have been running, throwing and jumping and are looking forward to showcasing our talents on Wednesday afternoon. In Science, we have enjoyed identifying flowering plants, labelling their parts and explaining their function. Miss Ahmed also joined our RE lessons to show us Islamic prayer in action! Over the coming weeks, we will be collecting newspapers and 1 litre plastic bottles

for an upcoming project so please bring in any that you have at home- thank you!

Year 4 have been learning about reducing, reusing and recycling materials in their Education for Social Responsibility lessons. We have thought hard about what can and cannot be recycled and wanted to share this

with our community and drew images of these on the playground. We have also continued to enjoy our Forest School sessions with Mrs B. We have been pond dipping in the brook and looking at small invertebrates as well as building frog houses, witling wood and finding and identifying butterflies and birds in our school environment.

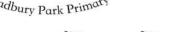








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### Meet the new September team



Mrs Moore: some of you will have already met Mrs Moore who has been teaching in Oak Tree class this year. After a long-standing career in communications and financial services, Mrs Moore chose to enter the world of teaching to make a difference and put her passion for working with children at the forefront. She already has experience of teaching at Badbury Park Primary school as well as other Blue Kite schools and shares our passion for making learning fun, interactive and engaging. She enjoys spending time with her family and, when not supporting her children in various sporting activities, loves to go for long walks with her Cavapoo dog. She also

has a passion for reading, particularly the genres of crime and murder mystery.

**Mr Urban** is a skilled and enthusiastic teacher. He has taught in a number of schools in Swindon and joins us from another Blue Kite School in September. He has a passion for computing, programming and 3D animation and is passionate about the use of technology and how it can be integrated across all curriculum areas. He is also a keen musician, composing and recording music, and playing a variety of instruments including guitar, drums, bass and piano. Mr Urban is bursting with fresh ideas and excited about putting them into practice





**Miss Webster-May** has worked in education for several years and has gained experience of teaching pupils across the full primary phase, ranging from Nursery to Year 6. She has an enthusiasm for life and learning, and a great sense of humour, enabling learning encounters that are engaging, fun and memorable. She also volunteers at a local Rainbow and Brownie unit and at the Swindon & Cricklade railway to help provide exciting opportunities and memories for younger generations. Miss Webster-May is excited about taking the next step in her career at Badbury Park Primary School.



### September timings & charges

A reminder about changes to the school day that will take effect starting September 2024. These changes ensure we comply with government guidance which requires schools to be open for thirty-two and a half hours a week

- Reception will start at **08.30am** and finish at 3.00pm
- Years 1-5 will start at **08.40am** and finish at 3.10pm. School gates will be open from **08.30am** and pupils can go straight into their classroom (no lining up in the playground); gates will close promptly at **08.45am**. Staff will be available to take any messages.
- The start and end times of the nursery sessions will be unaffected.

Also a reminder that, for those that pay for lunch, the cost of a school meal will rise to £2.40 per day. Breakfast club will also increase to £4.50 per day

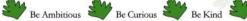




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Summer fair - the day has arrived! Saturday 29th June, 12.30-3.30pm on the school playground and field. Thank you to everyone who has offered to volunteer to run our PTA stalls. We're looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible for a fun-filled afternoon. As always, please park considerately around the estate.

Skippy John, Sports week - thanks to your generosity through our fundraising events over the past year, the PTA is delighted to be able to fully fund Skippy John's visit next week. We hope your children enjoy taking part in this activity.

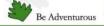
Fund Raisin Challenge 2024 - WOW! The school community collectively raised £835.82 for this year's challenge which is a fantastic achievement! The class that raised the most was Hazel who will receive a class treat before the end of the year, and our top three fundraisers were Henry, Ariya and Agnes who each received a certificate and book token. As a result of this hard work, the whole school will be treated to two days of workshops from Jungle Jonathan on 2nd and 9th July. Enjoy Badburys!





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# **June 2024**

3rd: Teacher training day (school closed)

4th: Children return for term 6 8th: FOBBP Craft De-stash sale

w/c 10th: Phonics screening check (Y1)

12th: Meeting for parents of new Reception

starters (6.30pm)

14th: Stay and Play sessions for nursery and

new Reception starters (3.30-4.15pm)

14th:FOBPPS special person Male/Father's

day

18th: Stay and Play sessions for nursery and

new Reception starters (3.30-4.15pm)

19th: Meeting for parents of new nursery

children (6.30pm)

20th: Class group photos

21st :Year 1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

29th: Summer Fair

# **July 2024**

1st: Sports week commences

2nd: Apple Tree sports and picnic from

10am

3rd: Yew, Maple, Hazel and Willow Sports

day from 1.30pm

4th: Ash, Oak, Beech and Pine Sports day

from 1.30pm

8th: Teacher training day (school closed)

12th: Stay and Play sessions for nursery and

new Reception starters (3.30-4.15pm)

12th: Reports to parents

16th:Class swap afternoon

17th: Years 2, 3 and 4 performance

25th: End of term

## **Teacher Training Days 2023/2024**

Monday 8th July 2024

## **Teacher Training Days 2024/2025**

- Monday 2nd & 3rd September 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Monday 24th February 2025
- ₹ Tuesday 22nd April 2025
- ♣ Thursday 24th July 2025