



Aston and Cote Church of England Primary School

"Learning together through courage, love and respect"

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Dear Parents and Carers, Governors and Friends

The end of term is fast approaching and gone are the days of winding down to the end of the school year. We have lots of exciting events and learning opportunities planned over the next few weeks, including our annual Summer gala which we hope you will be able to join us for.

We apologise that we had postpone our Sports Races but hope everyone will appreciate the weather is out of our control - with rain and wind from 10am forecast that particular day. However, we were delighted that we were able to go ahead today. The races went so well and it was wonderful to see so many of you able to join us.

Next week the Key Stage 2 SAT results will be published. Annual Reports will be given to children on Monday 11th July, together with Phonics Assessments for children in Year 1, SATs results for Year 2 and Year 6, and Foundation Stage Profile scores for children in Reception. We are able to share with you the wonderful news that this year we had a 100% pass rate in the phonics screening, with many children scoring the highest possible levels.

We are busy finalising the class arrangements for next year. This has been complicated as our intake number has been increased by the local authority and we have several in-year applications to the school that have yet to be finalised. As ever, a great deal of consideration goes into any decisions we make and we try to follow our agreed principles for splitting the classes which can be found on the school website. We aim to let you know as soon as we can.

Our Summer Gala Evening takes place after school on Thursday 14 July: this is an opportunity to see your child's work and to discuss their Report with the class teacher.

Please note that the Key Stage Two performances will take place on the 6th July at 1:30 pm and 6pm. Admission will be by ticket only.

Warmest Regards

Paula Phillips and all the staff

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Please see the website for news including:

- Year 6 Forest School
- Art Exhibition Visit
- Kingsway Class new garden
- Year 6 Aspiration day
- Cycling Proficiency
- Year 2 Concert
- Cricket and Tennis Updates
- Sports day running and Throwing Events Update
- House Rounders
- Lacrosse Visitor
- Queen's Birthday Celebrations

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please be aware that occasionally dates have to be changed, so check newsletters regularly for any amendments.

- 4th July Henry Box Induction Day
- 4th July Hill End trip Kingsway
- 4/5th July Hill End Residential -Oatlands Class
- 5th July Group 2 - Cycling Training 3rd Session
- 6th July KS2 Play - Village Hall 1.30 and 6.00pm performances
- 7th July Burford Transition Day
- 7th July Group 2 Cycling training - 4th Session
- 13th July Windmill trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
- 14th July Summer Gala & Open Evening - to celebrate Aston & Cote's 160th year - more information to follow
- 15th July Group 2 Cycling Test 1.30pm
- 18th July St James Feast Day
- 20th July Leavers Assembly 9.10am
- 20th July LAST DAY OF TERM
- SUMMER HOLIDAYS
- 1st Sept INSET DAY
- 2nd Sept INSET DAY
- 5th Sept 1st Day of Autumn Term

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has collected Sainsbury's vouchers for us this year - we have collected a grand total of **9036 vouchers** this year and we are in the process of choosing some sports equipment. Thank you everyone for your collecting!!



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Year 6 Adventures

It has been wonderful to see our Year 6 pupils enjoying a wide range of experiences (post SATs) that enable them to go beyond the National Curriculum. These include Forest School; lots of drama and singing in preparation for the school play; The Perfect Number Day investigation; Aspirations Day where they learned all about the world of work and careers and it will include (soon) working with an artist in residence to create a piece of art as a legacy which will remain in the school. They will end the year with a special Leavers assembly and a bowling treat as a fond farewell. After working so hard to meet the very challenging demands of a new curriculum, the children have earned this special time.



Aspirations Day - Scientists; Veterinary Surgeons and Forensic experts in the making!



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FACs News

Fundraising Updates

Maypole Dancing - thanks to be parents who supported us during the Maypole Dancing morning buying refreshments and helping us raise an extra £10. It may only be a small amount but it all helps.

Queen's 90th Birthday Cake Sale - thanks to all those who made the wonderful cakes we had on offer and to those who came to purchase them at the end of the day and helped raise an amazing £90 for us.



Easy Fundraising - it really is easy to sign up and we have raised an additional £40 for FACS whilst doing online shopping!

Hill End Visit and Residential - FACS have made a contribution to the Y1 and Y2 Hill End upcoming visits which we know has been greatly appreciated by the parents and thank you very much for the kind words of support we have received from you.

FACS Parent Questionnaire

It's not too late to complete the questionnaire and return to us. Unfortunately the response rate has been disappointingly low, please do let us know your opinions on FACS and what we do as this is your opportunity to let us know what you think and the ideas you have.

Future Events

14th July - Summer Gala

This is the final event of the academic year and we really do need your support to help make it a success and raise as much money as we can for the school.

[Please do all come and join us at the gala where we will have a BBQ , bar and lots of stalls to keep the children entertained.](#)

Don't forget the Victorian themed fancy dress with prizes for the best adult and children's costumes.

Finally we are still in need of some more volunteers to help with the stalls at the gala and any donations of bottles of wine for the water or wine stall would be very welcome. Please let Christina Slater know if you are able to offer any help at all.

30th September -Quiz Night

Always a popular event so please put the date in the diary and more details will follow.

Many thanks for your support
The FACS Team

Burford School Open Evening

Burford School have notified us that their Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 students will take place on Thursday 22nd September 2016 at 4.30pm until 7.00pm.

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Useful information - from the Primary School Health Team

The primary school health team would like to highlight some very useful advice and resources that are available for schools regarding sun & water safety. We would suggest that the first paragraph was included in school email correspondence with parent and carers.

As summer approaches with the promise of some good weather, please make sure your child wears sunscreen and covers their shoulders when outside - a hat is a good idea too. Please encourage children to drink plenty of water and so it will be helpful if they bring a bottle of water that they can refill during the day. Some parents put their bottle in the freezer over night to ensure their child's drink stays cold all day. It is also during these hot spells that young people are often tempted to cool off in the river. It is not safe to play in the river which often has deceptively strong currents. We will be advising them against this and hope you will reinforce this message at home too. Please find below some useful links:

<http://www.rospa.com/leisure-safety/water/advice/children-young-people/>

http://kidshealth.org/teen/safety/safebasics/water_safety.html

Community News

Cinema Offer :

To kick off the summer the Odeon Oxford, for one weekend only, will be letting 1 parent in for free with a full paying child for one of the Odeon Kids Club showings on the weekend of 16th-17th July.

This offer will only be valid for two films. These are Disney's remarkable remake of The Jungle Book at 10:00am or Disney's most recent animated classic Zootropolis at 10:30am.

Tickets are £2.50 for children so a family of four can come watch one of these amazing films for £5! We have great food deals that accommodate children, parents or the whole family as well!

To claim this offer just come into the Odeon in Oxford on George Street and they will put you through! Come in and book early to avoid disappointment!

As always I am happy to meet with parents by appointment and we always welcome feedback either verbally, through emails or through our "Feedback and Suggestions" box in the front entrance.

Thank you.

Paula Phillips,
Headteacher

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