

EYNSHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Foundation Stage Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the Easter break with a special welcome to the new children who are starting this term. We look forward to meeting you and your families. Thank you to all those parents who came in to share Learning Journeys with their children. If you missed this opportunity, please speak with your child's teacher to arrange another time.

Curriculum:

In Term 5 the younger children will have opportunities to continue to develop their basic skills in:

- Communication and Language, for example gaining confidence to speak in different situations and listening in large groups.
- Literacy - focus on blending and segmenting sounds in words spoken.
- Maths - consolidating numbers 1-10 and practical problem solving.

Whilst the older children will start to focus more on

- Literacy – consolidating sounds learnt in Phase 3 and embarking on their Phase 4 adventure, continuing to practise reading and writing sentences.
- Maths – addition and subtraction by counting on and back, a focus on number bonds and activities based around shape, space and measures

As well as continuing to develop further their basic skills.

We will still include specific themes such as May Day and seasonal changes, as they occur and think about what other environments are like.

May Day:

Our May Celebrations will be on Thursday 3rd May (4th as backup if wet)

- We aim to leave school at 10.15 in procession, to then walk around the village.
- You are then invited to join our afternoon celebrations, with dancing starting at 1.15pm

Children can wear their own smart clothes but MUST have sensible shoes (not open toes). They can also wear 'Spring' decorated hats.

Forest School:

Forest school sessions this term – dates for sessions are:- Wednesdays

TERM 5

Kingfishers –

- 25/04
- 09/05
- 23/05

Owls -

- * 02/05
- * 16/05

TERM 6

Kingfishers –

- * 13/06
- * 27/06

Owls -

- * 06/06
- * 20/06

On these dates please ensure children have welly boots (if it's been wet) long trousers and long sleeve tops (so they don't get stung by nettles)



Supporting your child's learning at home

It was really encouraging to see some of the children had been practicing writing the Phase 3 sounds over the Easter holidays. We are really focusing on writing in school this term and it would benefit all children to have a go at reading and writing the phonic sounds on a regular basis.

Please continue to read regularly with your child and make sure their books are in school on their reading day so they can be given a new book.

Dates for your diary Term 5 + 6

- Class Photographs – Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd May
- TERM 6 Swimming starts – details to follow
- Friday 15th June 2.15pm – dress up and dance to beat cancer (details to follow)
- Thursday 5th July – Welcome evening for Y1 parents
- Thursday 12th July morning (TBC) - Sports Day

A few reminders:

- **All children need to have a sun hat and waterproof coat every day. Please could you apply an all-day sun cream before they come to school.**
- Please, please make sure that ALL items of clothing are named – especially shoes, as several children have exactly the same style of shoes.
- Please make sure there is only WATER in named water bottles. You may, of course, supply a separate fruit-flavoured drink in their lunch box, if you wish.
- Please remember that children are asked NOT to bring toys in from home as they can be lost or broken.
- Please remember WOW! Moment slips and boxes are available in the classrooms for your use to contribute to your child's Learning Journey.
- Please look on the Parents' boards in each class for further up-to-date information.

The School Day for children in Foundation: (please note change of times 8:30 start 3:00 finish)

Doors are opened at 8.30 am to enable children to be ready and sitting down for registration by 8.45 am with parents leaving so that gates can be locked and school secured promptly for health and safety reasons. If you should arrive after the gates have been locked, please go to the school office and staff will bring your child to their classroom. For children in Foundation Stage, school finishes at 3.00 pm so please ensure you collect your child on time.

If for any reason you are delayed, please notify the school office so that we are able to reassure your child you are on your way or that someone else may be collecting them. If you know in advance that someone else will be collecting your child please fill in the details in the 'collection book' found in each classroom.

Nursery children

If you are picking up your child at 11.30/1.00, please go to the school office where staff will bring your child to you. If you are dropping your child off at 12:00 for an afternoon session please take them to the school office where a member of staff will meet you. Please speak to your child's teacher if you need to make individual arrangements.

Nut allergies:

Please may we ask that parents do not put any 'nut' products in lunchboxes, e.g. peanut butter, dried fruit & nuts, to minimise the risk to children with nut allergies. Thank you very much for your understanding.

Voluntary Donations and Belongings:

We ask for a voluntary contribution of 50p per week towards cooking ingredients and incidentals. You may prefer to pay termly and money boxes and lists are displayed in the classrooms. From time to time we will be asking for specific items please see parent boards for details.

We look forward to a busy and exciting time ahead.

Yours sincerely

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Reception Teacher – Kingfishers

Mrs Paula Emmett

Reception Teacher – Owls

Mrs Rebecca Butler-Miles +Mrs Emily Neath

Early Years Support Workers

Mrs Dana Lau – Foundation Teaching Assistant

