



# Newsletter



## Summer term

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**16th June 2023**



Dear Parents / Carers

It has been lovely to enjoy some beautiful weather for the last couple of weeks. Thank you for sending your children in with sunhats and sun cream already applied, it helps us all to enjoy the time outside safely.

As you are aware, we have a mobile swimming pool on site for a couple of weeks which is a really exciting opportunity for our children. Swimming is a compulsory part of our KS2 curriculum and this enables all of our children to have more lessons without going off site. We have also timetabled Reception and KS1 to use it so that they get the opportunity to develop their water safety and swimming skills. This is a new venture for the whole school and we hope that it is successful for everyone and can be repeated in the future. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit on the day allocated as they will miss out if it is not in school!

There have been lots of other exciting things happening across school too: this week Ospreys class had a visit from Wonderdome, a mobile planetarium, to enhance their learning about space. Year 3 have been using the market kitchen to make their own bread and butter in their DT project. I can confirm that it was delicious!!! Year 4, Eagles class have completed their statutory Multiplication Times-tables Check—well done, I was impressed with their knowledge and speed! We will get the results before the end of term.

Year 2, Skylarks class, represented the school really well at a sports event held at Daubeney Academy—well done for great participation and sportsmanship.

Kestrels, Year 6 shared their learning of impressionism art in assembly today and demonstrated some amazing skills and finished pieces of work.

What a busy week—Well done to everyone!!

Can I please remind you all that we are a mobile free school and therefore ask you not to use your mobile phones when collecting your children from the playground. Many thanks.

Mrs Headland.

### Books for School

As a result of your brilliant support by purchasing books during our Scholastics Book Fair, we have been able to buy a class pack of dictionaries and thesaurus' which the whole school will benefit from greatly. Thank you very much.



### Diary Dates

- 26th June—Outdoor Learning Week
- 11th July—Sports Day YrR, 1 & 2 (1.15pm-3.15pm)
- 12th July—Sports Day Yr3,4,5 & 6 (1.15pm-3.15pm)
- 14th July—Sports Day Preschool (2pm)
- 19th July—School Disco YrR, 1 & 2 (3pm-4pm)
- 19th July—School Disco Yr3, 4, 5 & 6 (4.15pm-5.15pm)
- 20th July—Yr6 Leavers Assembly (2pm)
- 21st July—Last Day of Term

Important Information

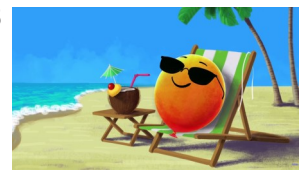
### Attendance

A big well done to Owls class this week with 98.9% attendance and Woodpecker class last week with 97.7%. The whole school attendance is 94.3% but we are aiming for 98%!



### Reminder—Holidays in term time

Any unauthorised holidays will trigger a fine in line with Bedford Borough Council guidelines. Should your child be absent from school for more than 3 consecutive days the school will need to be provided with medical evidence to support their absence.



### Absence from School

Please be reminded that there is now also the additional option of reporting your child's absence on the ParentMail app under the absence category.

You can still email the school office and ring and leave a message if you would prefer.

We will still require confirmation of appointments etc. sending to the office.

Reporting Absences



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### Warmer Weather

As the weather is getting warmer can we please remind you to send your child to school with a named sunhat, also please ensure you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. There are some sun creams that can be purchased that last all day and we would encourage you where possible not to send bottles of sun cream in to school. Thank you.



Please be reminded, staff at Cotton End Forest School are not allowed to apply sun cream to any child.

### Wonderdome

The topic for Year 5 this term is Astronomy and to enhance their learning on this subject we arranged for 'Wonderdome - A mobile planetarium' to visit the school to provide a planetarium space show on Tuesday this week.



The children enjoyed a specialised visual and audio projection onto the inside of the planetarium giving a 360-degree experience which was totally immersive. A wonderful experience of the universe was shared by all.

### Clothing Bank

Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted clothing into our new recycle bin which is located in the staff carpark.



We had our first collection this week and can confirm we achieved an overall weight of 202kg which converted in £50 for our school funds.



### Year 2

On Monday Skylarks class went to Daubeney School in Kempston, for a multi-sports event. We had the opportunity to play rounders, cricket and athletics and despite the humidity every one excelled! The rounders team won overall after 2 wins and a draw! All of the adults that attended were



extremely proud of their behaviour and attitude towards others and were amazed by the fantastic sportsmanship. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.



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