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Dear Parents and Carers,

Is it only the end of week 3? We feel like we've been in our new school for so much longer. Still, I guess that shows how quickly everyone has settled into life on our new site.

Reception

We have done SO much this week - it's been brilliant! We've started to self-register in class, have been tidying up and celebrated Big Green Week by looking at Autumn and hibernation and have been making hedgehogs out of paper plates. We've begun Phonics Phase 2 and have been listening for the sounds s, a, t and p. We've also looked at number 1 and 2 and how they relate to each other, and their place in a number line. We began our Carousel this week with some of us participating in Forest School and others doing Spanish, Gym or Music in the Hall or Activity Studio. We're all excited to be able to have a turn at Forest School this term.

Year 1

This week, we've been celebrating seasonal changes and the arrival of Autumn. We postponed our Autumn walk around Mapledurham Playing Fields until next week and predicted what we might see including signs that Autumn has begun. We've been comparing the different seasons and identifying clothes and items we might need for each one. We're really enjoying learning the song 'London's Burning' and trying to sing it in a round performance. In Maths, we continued to identify numbers using Hopscotch outside.

Year 2

It's not been an easy week for us, our teachers and staff but we think we demonstrated great learning behaviours, including resilience and perseverance. In Maths, we've continued our work on place value and have also looked at comparing numbers using the language greater than, less than and equal to. We have also continued with all things Zog! At the beginning of the week Mrs Fallon, who has never read 'Zog', asked if we would be able to read it to her. Unfortunately, we discovered that both Cedar and Willow's class copies had disappeared! What were we to do? We came up with a fantastic idea - we know the story so well that we have been able to rewrite a part of it to share with Mrs Fallon! We thought about the best way to prepare for writing and decided to act out the story first, then create a story map for our section of the book and finally we wrote our version. The Year 2 staff cannot wait to show off our fantastic work to Mrs Fallon!



Year 3

Our class book 'There's a Pharaoh in our Bath!' is great fun and this week we used drama to act out different sections about how the character is feeling in Chapter 2. We've been exploring addition in Maths, adding 2-digit numbers together and then a 2- and 3-digit number together. In Topic, we learnt about the importance of the River Nile for Ancient Egyptians and we LOVE our weekly Ukulele lessons with Joe from Berkshire Maestros - thanks Joe!

Year 4

Well, it's hard to talk about anything other than our 2-day outdoor educational trips to Longridge Activity Centre this week. We had SO much fun, climbing, crate stacking, orienteering, stand up paddleboarding and kayaking. We really challenged ourselves to try things outside of our comfort zone and our friends and classmates were SO supportive! There were so many fun and memorable moments and despite Mrs Edwards losing her phone to bed of the River Thames, the rest of the amazing staff team rallied round and captured loads of wonderful shots on their phones which will be shared on a montage/video in the KS2 Assembly next Friday.

Year 5

This week, we've been completing the final pages of our first Beowulf story using the features of the newspaper articles we've researched. We're excited about our next few weeks in Science, where, after being immersed in Camp Bestival, we're planning to use the knowledge and understanding we've gained to advise the festival organisers on how they can make the festival fun and safe for everyone! In Topic, we've been exploring how Britain started to change with the arrival of the Anglo Saxons and in RE, we've listened to reflected on how music makes us feel and why it may be used as part of worship.

Year 6

This week, we've been continuing to write out autobiographies. We've been using a range of features to help us, including non-fiction writing, including appropriate formal language and accurate and clear structuring. We've also continued our exploration into the start of the First World War by exploring the events that led up to Britain joining the 'War'. We've been creating e-safety posters to help and support younger children in school and have been looking at how natural selection impacts adaptations. In Art we've enjoyed drawing our own portraits - here are a few!



Cross Country

Cross Country starts up again tomorrow with the first competition at Greys Court (not Chiltern Edge as mentioned in Highlights last week). Unfortunately, Mrs Edwards is unable to be at the event tomorrow so if your child is interested in taking part, please speak to one of the organisers if you are unsure of the process to register. The runs are timed as follows:

- Yr 1 09.00
- Yr 2 09.20
- Yr 3 09.40
- Yr 4 10.00
- Yr 5 10.20
- Yr 6 10.40

The organisers have asked that you please stagger your arrivals to fit in with the races. Car parking will be just inside the main gate in the overspill carpark on the right and then walk along the main drive to the cross country course. Teas / coffee etc will be available in the centre café and unfortunately, no dogs are allowed.

Secondary Schools Information Fayre

Just a reminder that we will be holding an Information Fayre for children and parents in Years 5 and 6 on Monday 27th September between 7-8.30pm in the Hall. Please do come along!

Twitter

The school has a Twitter Feed - please follow [@AtHeadteacher](#) for updates!

Dates for the Diary

Cross Country at Greys Court (Not Chiltern Edge)	Saturday 25 th September
Secondary Schools Information Fayre at School (Years 5 & 6)	Monday 27 th September
Year 6 to Skern Lodge	Monday 11 th - Friday 15 th October
World Mental Health Day	Monday 11 th October
Year 2 to Warwick Castle	Friday 15 th October
Year 6 Heights & Weights	Tuesday 2 nd November
Flu Immunisations (Rescheduled Date)	Friday 5 th November
Tempest - Individual/Sibling School Photos	Wednesday 10 th & Thursday 11 th November
Children in Need	Friday 12 th November
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 10 th December

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Edwards