



Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday morning I was still chuckling about the events of the Race Night on Saturday evening and want to say another sincere thank you to Emma Palk and all the parents who helped organise and make the evening such a success. It was another great way of gathering parents, staff and other members of our school community and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Everyone helped raise over £1300 - which is amazing. Thank you all so much.



What have we been up to this week?

Reception

Reception have moved on from doubling and halving and are counting up in 2s. They have been creating and writing fiction stories about pets and instructions on how to look after pets. The children have been creating the 'Tree of Life' (Klimt) in many different ways - painting their own versions and using different natural resources and PE equipment. They are continuing to develop their striking, fielding and athletics skill in PE.

Year 1



This week Year 1 have been learning about persuasive writing, instructions using 'bossy' (imperative) verbs, and exclamation marks. Maths has been all about shape; properties of 3D shapes and lines of symmetry in 2D shapes. Sorting has featured across the curriculum this week; sorting shapes according to different criteria, sorting animals in various ways, and sorting materials according to their properties. In PSHCE lessons, they have started investigating children's Rights and Responsibilities.

Year 1 also had a very exciting trip on the bus this morning to Jamie Oliver's restaurant where they created a delicious sandwich and learned about healthy eating. Having just missed the bus back they decided to walk! They were all so beautifully behaved, demonstrating the school's core values, and **both** Mrs Edwards are very proud of them!

MUSIC MAESTROS

The first Pantomimus session, led by Margareta, was fabulous. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to further sessions.

PARENT CLASS REPS MEETING

We had a meeting earlier this week and spent quite some time discussing up and coming key events for the summer term. The main points will be passed on to you all by the Reps.

MINI-MILERS

Lots of the children are running the Royal Berkshire Mini Mile on Sunday 17th May. The race starts at 9am if anyone would like to go along to support the children. The PTFA are raising money for the school and The Royal Berkshire Hospital. Thanks to Sue Hepwood for setting up the fundraising page and organising the match funding through her company Microsoft. If anyone would like to sponsor the children please go to this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/Sue-Hepwood/>

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

Thank you everyone who has given their Sainsbury's vouchers so far. If you have been saving these to bring to school, *now is the time* to pop them into our collection box just inside the front door. Sainsbury's stopped handing these to shoppers on 5th May and once we know how many vouchers we have collected we can order our sports equipment, gardening supplies or other goodies. We have almost reached 1000 vouchers.

BEAT THE STREET

Our distance has risen to 726 miles giving us 18,050 points and Darcey Jones has won the Beat the Street draw for a Lego DVD this week. Well done everyone - keep up the good work.

AWNINGS: We will be working on the awnings tomorrow.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

The Reading Bridge will be closed to traffic next week and during half term. Please allow extra time for your journeys as there is bound to be severe congestion in this area.

DATES TO NOTE

Friday 22 nd May	3.30pm	School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 1 st June	From 8.45am	Term 6 begins
Saturday 20 th June		PTFA Summer Fayre
Friday 3 rd July		Sports Day
Monday 6 th July		Whole school visit: Bucklebury Farm
Thursday 9 th July		Early Move-up Day

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

This afternoon Pupil of the Week awards were handed to: All of Year 1 for their excellent behaviour on the trip to Jamie's restaurant this morning; Sophie Spall and Eddy Leach (Mr Rizvi's Class); Fletcher Bramley and Scarlett Hepwood (Mr Crispin's Class). Congratulations to them all.



Mrs Edwards
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