



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely restful Easter. It has been lovely to see so many happy smiley faces back in school and see how the children have settled quickly and ready to learn. It is also nice to see that the sunshine has finally come out – children may wish to bring in sun caps and hats to wear as the weather is getting warmer.

A big thank you to those that attended the Art Gallery and purchased their children's work. It was lovely to see so many there and I am sure you agree with me that the standard of art available was great. I particularly loved the Year R drip paintings and thought they looked very professional. There are still some pieces available in school. If you would like to purchase your child's, please contact the office. We are looking forward to displaying some around school when the building work is finished.

Buildings update:

Over the Easter Holidays the builders have been really busy. The hall now has the new sky lights in and the kitchen will be reopened next week. The children were really impressed with the new windows in the hall. Year R looks slightly different whilst the builders have been installing new windows and are now plastering and decorating.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are currently looking for a new parent governor to join our friendly team of governors. You would have received a letter outlining the details earlier in the week. Please contact the school office for an application form.

Clubs

Please find attached our current clubs list. Due to the building works there are not many clubs running this term. Please contact the school office to check availability if your child wishes to join one of the clubs.

Theatre Busters

There are spaces in Theatre Busters which takes place on a Thursday 3.30 -5pm. Please collect a form from the office if your child is interested in taking part.

St Mark's Church

St Mark's Church are holding a family event this Sunday, 22 April from 3.30 – 5pm. Please see the poster in our office window for more information.

Scratch Day

There is a Scratch Day at IBM in Hursley on Saturday 12 May – 10am – 3pm. The day is a chance for children to make new things using Scratch or Scratch Jr. Children of all ages are welcome at the event. Further information is available from <https://day.scratch.mit.edu/events/5793>.

Year 3 Swimming

Throughout the Spring Term the children in Woodpeckers Class have been having weekly swimming lessons thanks to our partnership with St Swithun's School. All of the children have made huge amounts of progress since their first visit so they were extremely excited to show off their achievements to a balcony full of family and friends at the Swimming Gala held on the final day of term.

The children demonstrated their skills brilliantly, including a variety of strokes and diving skills. I could not have been more proud of all the children but would like to make a special mention to the children who started their swimming lessons in the learner pool, all of whom jumped in and swam in the main pool during their final session – such amazing courage.



My thanks go to all the parents that were able to attend the gala, to St Swithun's School and the fantastic swimming teachers from 'Judy Spörle School of Swimming', but mostly to the wonderful Woodpeckers for representing the school so brilliantly every week.

Miss Stockham.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Miss F Wood
Headteacher

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Family Event at St Marks Church	22 April 2018
School Grounds Day 10am – 2pm	29 April 2018
Scratch Day at IBM	12 May 2018
Mary Rose Museum Visit - Years 5/6	23 May 2018
Sports Day	24 May 2018
Last day of term	25 May 2018
First day of term	4 June 2018
School Grounds Day 10am – 2pm	10 June 2018
Year 6 Transition Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea	11 June 2018
Father's Day Shop	15 June 2018
Summer Fayre	23 June 2018
Uniform Evening	27 June 2018
Year 6 Parents Information Evening at Kings'	4 July 2018
Inset Day	6 July 2018
Inset Day	9 July 2018
Last day of term	23 July 2018