



Newsletter 5 Summer Term

24 June 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Sports' Week and Sports' Day

Despite the unpredictable weather the children have had a great week! They have taken part in Paralympic Challenges which encouraged them to empathise with those who face physical challenges when taking part in sport. Year 6 even showed how these challenges can be overcome with the help of others in their final race at a Fritwell School Sports' Day. On Thursday, the school was 'taken over' by a new staff, including some excellent sports coaches who arranged a session, where all the children could take part in some field athletics such as discus, shot, long jump and even some hammer throwing. The points earned during these sessions will be added to the points earned on the Sports' Days.

We were hoping that the weather would hold so that we could finish off the week with our annual Sports' Day. Happily, EYFS and KS1 were able to take part in both a carousel of activities and some traditional sports' day races. Judging by the smiles on their faces and the effort they put in, they clearly had a great morning. After a picnic lunch, which neither the weather nor a 'plague of red ants' could spoil, we got ready for the afternoon session.....and then the heavens opened! We felt it just wasn't safe to continue and postponed the KS2 races. We currently have a reserve afternoon of Thursday, 7th July marked in the diary (weather permitting).

My thanks to everyone who helped to organise the day, set up, put tables and chairs away and simply support, but a special thanks to the children who were great sportsmen.

Quad Kids

Here is a commentary from Megan Beeney and Maisie Varney who went to The Bicester School as part of the team from Fritwell Primary School:

'On Tuesday 21st June, Year 4 went to The Bicester School to compete in Quad Kids. We entered with a team of ten. We took part in short distance, long distance, long jump and vortex. Silina in our class came second out of the year 3 and 4 girls and boys. Overall Fritwell came second out of thirteen other teams which means that we are through to the North Oxfordshire finals!'

Congratulations Team Fritwell-a fantastic team effort!

Public Meeting

We have been asked to advise you that there is a Public Meeting about a New Free Special School Monday 11 July 2016, at 6.30pm at The Warriner School, Bloxham

The Iffley Academy has applied to the Department for Education to open a new Free Special School in North Oxfordshire for pupils who have complex Special Educational Needs, including Autistic Spectrum Condition, Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties, and/or Cognition and Learning difficulties. The school would also offer places to students with Moderate Cognition and Learning needs. If the application is successful, the new school will further extend the current excellent special school provision in Bicester and Banbury.

An invitation has been extended to parents of children with SEN. If you would like to attend please RSVP by phone to 01865 747606 or email to freeschool@iffleyacademy.co.uk.

Library Van

We will be saying goodbye to the library van next month. I want to say a big thank you to Mrs Vaughan and all the other volunteers for their help with the library van over the years. I would also like to encourage you to make use of your local library which is in Bicester.

Message from Mr Sear:

Guest Speakers for Science

'As a school we are always keen to draw on the many skills and talents of our parents and carers. With this in mind, we are looking for members of our wider school community who have a particular interest in Science or Engineering, and would be willing to come in to school to share their expertise, and give children the opportunity to ask questions of an expert.

We would try to match expertise to the particular areas of the curriculum being covered, and so the ages of the children would vary. Obviously, some areas of Science and Engineering are more accessible to children than others, so we would also need to bear this in mind.

The intention is to run a schedule of 'Guest Scientists' from September 2016. If you would be able and willing to help us with this, please contact Mr. Sear via the school office.'

FoFS Raffle

Don't forget to keep selling those raffle tickets and return the sold ticket stubs and money to school asap. The pupil who sells the most tickets will win a £20 gift voucher for WH Smiths!

Regards

Debbie McLeod
Headteacher

SCHOOL DIARY

4 July- 6.30pm Year 5/6 Performance
5 July- 6.30 Year 5/6 Performance
7 July – KS2 Sports' Day- afternoon
8 July-Evening-FoFS Summer Fete
11 July- 2pm Year 5 Brass Performance
12 July- Class Swap Day
14 July- Library Van- Book Collection Only
14 July- Presentation Evening Year
15 July- Hinksey Pool Leavers' Trip
20 July- Leavers' Service and End of Term
5 September- Back to School
12 September- Meet the Teachers Evening