

The Apple

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Dear Parents/Carers

The weather this week has been both amazing and frustrating. It has been fantastic to see the sun, yet the humidity has made life difficult in school. The children have responded brilliantly to some of the changes that we have made to lunch and break times on exceptionally hot days. We will continue to take indoor breaks should the weather reach the heights of Wednesday's temperatures again.

Last week ended in busy fashion. On Thursday the Year 5 pupils visited the Priory Ruskin Academy to use the science labs. They had an amazing time and even got to see what happened when you put a range of objects into liquid nitrogen!





Friday ended with pupils in the Juniors representing the school at the Large School Games. The pupils were brilliant and performed to the best of their abilities in all events. They even managed to keep smiling when the heavens opened. Well done to all of those children who took part.

On Monday we found out that the pass mark for the phonics test was 32 out of 40 marks. We managed to gain a pass rate of 88%. This is incredible when the national average in 2014 was 75% and shows how well our pupils are reading. Well done to all of the pupils in Year 1!

The Year 1 pupils also served up a treat for their Parents and Carers as each class shared their work in an assembly. It is brilliant to see just how much they have achieved this term and how far they have come since the start of the year.

On Wednesday 8th July the children will spend the morning with the teacher whose class they will enter in September. It is a great chance for the children to get to know their new teachers and should take away the anxiety that can build over the summer. We will send a letter home with each child stating whose class they will be in as well as showing the position of each classroom on a map. The school newsletter next week will then be used to show you who the teachers are for each of our classes throughout the school.

Finally, we are delighted to be full in the Foundation Stage for the 2nd Year in a row and are looking forward to welcoming our new children!

Paul Hill Headteacher



SEND Coffee Morning

On Monday (6th July) Mrs Dickson will be hosting a coffee morning for Parents/Carers of pupils with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND). All Parents/Carers are welcome.

Communicating with school

Can all Parents/Carers please remember that any concerns that you have about your children should be discussed with the child's class teacher in the first instance. It is essential that you report concerns as soon as they arise so that we can deal with them quickly. In this way we can ensure that all of our children are happy with their school experience!

Attendance

At present our attendance rate sits at 95.8%. It would be amazing if we could improve this in the final weeks of term. We have been hovering around the 96% mark for some time and would be delighted if we could get above it!

Infant Sports Day (Years R, 1 and 2)

Sports day for pupils in the Foundation Stage and Years 1/2 will take place on 10th July. Again pupils should arrive in their PE kit. Parents and Carers should drop their children off as normal and then head to the school field. We will register the children and then bring them onto the school field as quickly as possible in readiness for the races.

Year 6 Leavers

The years 6 leavers presentation evening will take place on Tuesday 21st July at 6pm. All Parents/Carers and grandparents are welcome – please put the date in your diary.

Children's Bingo

On Thursday 16th July we will be holding a family Bingo event. Tickets can be purchased from the school office for £1.50 per person. If children know their numbers to 100 then they can play on their own!

Dates for your diary:	
8th July	Moving On Morning
8th July	Grand Concert
10th July	YR, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day
16th July	Bingo
21st July	Year 6 Leavers Presentation