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Welcome to...

Thomas, our new starter who has joined Kites – we are delighted to welcome him to our fabulous school, and look forward to getting to know him better! And also welcome to Miss Shippen, a final placement SCITT student who is working with Falcons for the next few weeks. She has already made a cracking start, and she is learning from a fabulous teacher (and class): win-win!

Gardening

You may have noticed another planter at the front of school recently. This is soon to be joined by a large dump sack of topsoil. My latest brainwave is going to involve each class having a planter which they will fill with a range of bee attracting plants (which they will research, design and plant themselves). We have already had a generous donation of some strawberry plants and raspberries, which are going into the Reflective Garden (mindfulness and soft fruits seems like an excellent combination to me), but if any of you have any spare flowering plants which might be suitable for the planters at the front of school we would be delighted to accept them. I am planning to have some time later this half term for the children to fill the planters and plant them up – I will be in touch with dates once the teachers and I have sorted it. We have also cut some wood ready to make display boards of our school vision which will be attached to the planters so that we share what we are about with everyone!

Bags2School and dressing up clothes

FOBS are planning to rerun their successful Bags2School fundraiser soon, watch this space (and the FOBS Facebook page). On that note, you generously gave us lots of fab dressing up clothes (not the superhero type ones, more old skirts, tops, shoes, handbags, hats etc etc etc) last year, which we have put into storage ready for coming out of bubbles, but if you have any more that you think would be suitable, please drop them into school – I am so excited for dressing up playtimes!

Bottle tops

Thanks to everyone for all the bottle tops, we will be turning them into some fantastic outdoor artwork for the Reflective Garden very soon. If you have any more lying around at home, please do send them in.



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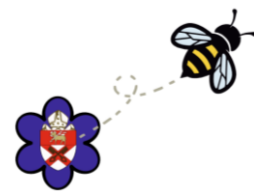




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Lottery Bid

The Parish Council are applying for a lottery grant for refurbishing the playground at the back of school. Falcons are beyond delighted to get involved and are working with Mr Easton on a fantastic creative project, researching and designing the new playground, and using their persuasive writing skills to help put the bid together. What an excellent Pollination opportunity!

Class Structures and new teacher

We were very fortunate to have had an excellent field of applicants for our recent advertisement for class teacher for the new class, and after a rigorous selection process (thank you Mrs Carter, Mrs Wilson and Year 3 and 4) we are delighted with our choice. Once the usual checks and references are through we will share more information with everyone. On that note, the Governors and I have been considering carefully our class and teacher structure for September. As I'm sure you can appreciate, this requires a great deal of strategic planning in order to optimise outcomes for our children, and I will be in touch with you later this term with more information.

Attendance

We have already had a couple of holiday requests in for time off before the summer holidays. Please can I take the opportunity to ask you to consider this very, very carefully - yes, this has been a hideous time for all concerned and we are enjoying the increasing freedom as restrictions ease, however, we are putting in such a lot of extra support and effort into helping our children fill any gaps in their learning. Literally, every minute in school counts at the moment in terms of catching our pupils up ready for their next stage in school. We have put a significant amount of time and resources in to physical and emotional wellbeing in school too, to address any issues which had been caused by lockdown and isolation. Now more than ever, your child should be in school, and I would ask for your full support with this, by not taking your child out on holiday during term time. Thank you.

Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings

Our zoom sessions and phone calls went well last week – it's been great to hear how well our children have settled back into their learning. Thanks to everyone who shared such positive feedback with the teachers – they were really feeling the love!

After School Wraparound Care and Breakfast Club

Both sessions are growing week on week, which is great news for sustainability. Don't forget you can book in with Mrs Gatenby via dojo anytime during the school week, for childcare whilst you are at work. Wednesday's after school club is approaching capacity – we have set the limit at 20.



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Warmer weather

As the Spring turns to Summer, thoughts in school naturally turn towards.... sun cream and sun hats! The sun can get pretty strong, and we are continuing to make the most of our brilliant setting with lots of outdoor learning. Please make sure your child has a sun hat on sunny days. It would be a great idea to put sun cream on your child before they come to school (one of the long lasting ones ideally please). We follow NYCC policy, and staff are unable to apply sun cream during the day, so if the children want to be out of the shade, a before-school application would be a great idea. Our EYFS canopy does provide plenty of shade for Owls, and there are lots of cooler leafy areas for the older children too.

Water bottles

And on that note, just a reminder to make sure your child has a water bottle in school, and that it is full of water rather than juice please. Juice is fine if your child is having a packed lunch, and children will be offered a beaker of water if they have forgotten their water bottle. We will be reminding pupils to drink plenty throughout the day, and children have access to their water bottles at all times.

Dates

When	What	Who
10.05.2021	Class photos	All
24.05.2021	Sports Day week (TBC)	All
28.05.2021	School closes for half term	All
07.06.2021	INSET Day	All
08.06.2021	Children return	All
9.07.2021	Reports out	All
23.7.21	Close for summer	All



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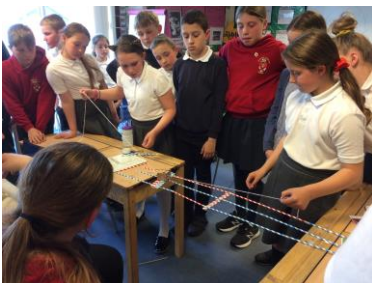


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Here's a taste of what we've been up to this week:



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