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Dear Parents/Carers

Much of this week's newsletter has been written by other people and shows the fantastic learning that takes place in our school in every class, every single day!

Enjoy and Achieve



Red Class (YR)

(a message from Miss Sale)

This week Red Class has been having a Bird Watch week. We have been learning to identify the birds that we see in our gardens, making bird cakes, drawing and painting birds, making bird masks and lots, lots more!! The children all made their own binoculars at home and we used them when we went out to Forest School to take part in the RSPB little schools Birdwatch. Thank you everyone who sent in bird seed and feeders to use in the school grounds. Special thanks to Lara's Grandad who donated a bird table for the red class aarden.

Green Class (Y3)

(A report from Mr Pattenden, Governor)

I was lucky enough on a recent visit to meet with Y3. As part of the class PE lesson the students were asked to create their own dance interpretations of a work environment, to include elements of rhythm, movement and working in a team. They put on a presentation which they have been creating over a few weeks.

I didn't have to ask the class if they enjoyed the lesson, their enthusiasm for the task and effort was evident, not to mention the smile on everyone's face. A fantastic, enjoyable lesson – congratulations to Green Class and Mrs Lund, your mums & dads would be extremely pleased with all your efforts.

Wednesday this week was our third 'No Pens Day' Wednesday. When we arranged the first of these in the autumn, we really intended that it would be a one-off event but the pupils enjoyed the day so much that they requested more via the Pupil Council. Even though the children did no writing, lots of learning still took place because the teachers planned some great, creative activities. What did your child do? If they haven't told you, it might be interesting to ask.



Together we rise to the challenge

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The children are all doing some really exciting work on the computer. Please watch out for a letter from Miss Owen in a fortnight's time explaining how children can access Merlin from home. Please do not worry if you are not familiar with Merlin, all will be explained!

Please listen for your children telling you about the reading challenge Mrs Kelly has set for them.

Indigo and Violet Classes (Y5 & Y6)

(a report by Jack, Jack, Jack and Megan)

On Wednesday 25th March we were invited to Watermore Primary School for a writing workshop. When we arrived, we thought of alliteration using the first letter of our names. After break we discovered the classroom had been wrecked! We had to investigate and write notes on the evidence. We did not find the culprit but there was a lot of evidence, including £30 missing and a laptop had gone. After lunch we got into pairs and planned a report on what had happened. Overall we had an outstanding day and felt honoured to be chosen to represent our school.

Making a Positive Contribution

- The values cup has been awarded to Ben in Green Class and Kayleigh in Violet Class for being respectful.
- Next Friday, 3rd February is 'Day for Change,' a non-uniform day fundraiser for UNICEF.
- We would be pleased to receive donations of pants and socks to use in case of emergency!

Diary Dates:

Fri 3 rd Feb	'Day for Change' non-uniform day
Fri 3 rd Feb	FOMS Bingo night at the Cricket Club
Thurs 9 th Feb	Red Class parents invited for coffee & pupils' presentation
Thurs 9 th Feb	FOMS pupils' disco
Fri 10 th Feb	10 a.m. End of Term Service at St Saviour's
Fri 10th Feb	Last day of Term 3
Mon 20th Feb	First day of Term 4 – alteration to lunch menu is possible
Fri 24 th Feb	Yellow Class (Y2) cake sale
Wed 29 th Feb	'No Pens Day' Wednesday
Wed 29 th Feb	Parents of Y5 children invited for lunch (we need to know numbers in advance!)
Sun 4 th Mar	Education Sunday Service, 9.30 a.m. at St Saviour's Church
Thurs 22 nd Mar	Y1 to music festival at St Michael's Winterbourne
Fri 23 rd Mar	Violet Class (Y6) cake sale
W/C 26 th Mar	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Wed 28 th Mar	'No Pens Day' Wednesday
Wed 28 th Mar	Parents of Y3 children invited for lunch (we need to know numbers in advance!)
Fri 30th Mar	Last day of Term 4
Mon 16th April	First day of Term 5 – alteration to lunch menu is possible
Fri 1 st June	Advance notice school closed – Inset day 5 (last one this year)

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hilary Eade

A message from Wendy at Coalpit Heath Pre-School: From Friday the 9th March, Sure Start will be running a baby massage class in Pre-School from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. This course is free to attend! To book onto the course Please ring 01454 771821 (Pre-School)