

Dates for your



Friday 7th July

- Govilon Residential Visit

Thursday 13th July

- Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 14th July

- Last Day of Term

End of Year Reports

We will be sending out your child's end of year report on Friday 7th July. This will give you time to read the report and then make an appointment to see your child's class teacher if you want to discuss any aspects of the report.

Residential Trip to Govilon in Wales

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 children will be heading off to Govilon in Wales for a two-night residential visit on Friday 7th July. We are very keen to offer as many children as possible the opportunity to attend a residential visit as the benefits are huge and it is an unforgettable experience for the children. To this end I will be looking to set up two residential visits in the future. One for year 4 and another for year 6. I would like to take the Year 4 children to Beaumanor Hall in Leicestershire and continue with a visit to Govilon for the year 6 children. I would really welcome some feedback from parents and carers regarding these plans so please let me or your child's class teacher know your thoughts on running two yearly residential visits. Thanks in advance!

Absence During Term Time for Extended holidays

We are still experiencing a number of children taking time off during term time to go on extended holidays. This is having a significant impact on the education of the children going on holiday and it is also having a lasting impact on their progress and attainment over the academic year.

Please do not take your child out of school during term time unless it is for an exceptional circumstance and please make sure you make an appointment to see the Headteacher before booking any holidays etc.

The school meets with the Educational Welfare Officer once a fortnight to discuss issues around attendance and if you take your child out of school during term time you could be liable to a fixed penalty fine. Children have 13 weeks holiday per academic year which is plenty of time to arrange holidays abroad to see family and friends. Thanks in anticipation of your support.

Safety Awareness Workshop

As part of our commitment to safeguarding children, pupils from Year 5 attended a Community Safety Workshop. Children learned about strategies to stay safe in the community and at home.

The workshop focussed on two main themes, Road Safety and Fire Safety. As part of the workshop, children were shown a range of different scenarios around road safety, fire safety and hoax calls and were asked to identify the hazards and then explore ways these could be overcome. At the end of the workshop the children were encouraged to devise a fire safety plan to practise at home with their families.

Y5 Trip to the Workhouse

As part of our topic 'Rich and Poor', children in Year 5 are studying the text of Oliver Twist. To ensure that the children had a better understanding of what life was like for a poor child in Victorian times, we visited Southwell Workhouse in Nottingham. The children dressed in Victorian costumes and took part in role play activities about daily life as a child in a workhouse. Some of the role play topics included:

- A typical school lesson,
- jobs and chores carried out by the people in the workhouse
- health – food and medicine

The children also took part in a workshop about rights and responsibilities. They were put into groups and had to take on the role of the government of the country. They had to make and justify decisions for the country. Children developed their reasoning skills and learned to listen and respond to others' views within the group. The children gained a lot and really enjoyed the experience.

Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do in school. To this end we are going to set up a Safeguarding Team in school next year that will consist of both adults and children. Mrs Gatherum, Miss Martin, Mrs Patel and myself will lead the team along with a group of five children. We will deliver assemblies and key messages across the school about safeguarding issues to ensure that we keep our children safe, both within school and the community.

Anti-Bullying Community Award

We have been working very hard to prepare for our Anti-Bullying Award assessment. Hopefully we will be assessed before the end of the Summer Term and receive the Award early in the Autumn Term 2017.

As a school we have put lots of systems and procedures in place to ensure that we are able to identify and deal with types of bullying. One of the most important aspects of our approach to Anti-Bullying is the '**STOP**' Acronym. '**STOP**' stands for 'Several Times On Purpose' and 'Start Telling Other People'. This gives all members of our school community clear guidelines on what constitutes an act of bullying.

We define bullying as physical or verbally abusive behaviour that occur 'Several Times on Purpose'. This means that an isolated incident would not be deemed to be an act of bullying but would still be investigated and dealt with by an appropriate member of staff. We encourage all children to 'Start Telling Other People' if they feel they are being bullied. These messages are constantly reinforced in the school through assemblies, posters and class discussions.

It would further support the school in tackling acts of bullying if parents and carers adopted this language so that we all have a shared language to tackle bullying in school. Further information regarding Anti-Bullying can be found on the school's website under the section called 'Staying Safe'. Thanks in anticipation of your support with this important aspect of school life.

Bullying is not when two people have a disagreement or fall out over something, it is usually

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