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'THE SPINNEY STANDARD'

Thursday 13th July 2017

Dear Spinney Parents, Children and Carers,

Dates for the Diary



- **The Big Count** – Friday 14th July
- **Y5 Cake Sale** – Friday 14th July
- **Open Afternoon** – Monday 17th July 1.15pm
- **Year 6 Visit to the Botanic Gardens** – Tuesday 18th July
- **Year 6 Leavers Assembly** – Thursday 20th July
- **End Of Year Celebration Assembly** – Friday 21st July 1.30pm



Headteacher's reflections for the week:

I am sure those of you who were there will agree, that last night's performance of Wind in The Willows was a triumph! The summer production is always one of the highlights of the year and this year was no exception. It was a beautiful and musically brilliant success. The children sang with such enthusiasm and the delight of the audience was evident - there were even a few proud tears to be seen! Congratulations, we are proud of each and every one of you. Those of you planning to see the production this evening are in for a real treat!

I would like to say a huge thank you for the wonderful team work of Mr. Mawson and all the Key Stage 2 team of teachers and TAs as well as all the other staff (School custodians, midday supervisors, teaching assistants, office team and teachers) who helped with the preparations and the smooth running on the night; also not forgetting parents and carers for helping make some amazing costumes.

Open Afternoon

I hope you will be able to join us on Monday 17th July from 1.15pm, as we have an open afternoon in which you can view your child's work from the past year. It is very affirming for the children when they see how much parents and families take an active interest in their work and learning and it re-enforces the view that school and home, work in partnership together to ensure that children achieve to their full potential.



Y5 Cake Sale in Aid of the Anne Frank Foundation

Y5 are holding a cake sale after school on Friday in aid of The Anne Frank Foundation. I hope you will enjoy their tasty treats and help raise money for this wonderful cause. To help support the year 5 class there will be no Frozen Friday this week.



Farewell to Year 6

We have a few events taking place as we begin to say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 pupils. On Thursday

20th July there will be a fantastic traditional leavers' barbecue for the year 6 staff and children. Mrs. Moore will be serving a great selection of food and drinks and then pupils will have the opportunity to have fun on a bouncy castle. This is a lovely fun event and we are all very much looking forward to it. Also on Thursday 20th July we will hold our leavers' assembly at 9.30am after which parents can join year six in a spot the baby competition. We hope you will be able to join us. Please remember to return your child's consent form and contribution as soon as possible.

End Of Year Celebration Assembly – Be Bright, Be Brilliant, Light up Your Corner of The World

We are nearing the end of another fantastic year of "Teaching and Learning Together" and I am looking forward to marking the occasion and reflecting on the targets we set ourselves in September. We would like to warmly welcome you to participate in our end of term Celebration Assembly at 1.30pm on Friday 21st July. As on previous occasions the assembly will be an informal opportunity for the children to share their thoughts and ideas, and singing with you. We hope that everyone, families, friends and governors will join the children and staff to celebrate the end of another exciting year at The Spinney! We look forward to seeing you there.



Afterschool Club Information

The Following clubs have finished for the term. KS2 and KS1 Choirs, French, Drama and KS1 Circus Skills.

Multi-skills will finish on Wednesday 19th July, **Code Club**, Wednesday 19th July, **KS2 Circus Skills**, Friday 14th July and **Premier Sport Football** Wednesday 19th / Thursday 20th July



Music Grade Examination Results: Congratulations!

Congratulations to Shibil (Y 4) who received a Merit for his Initial piano exam, Ben (Y2) who received a Distinction for his Initial piano, and Timofei and Pavel (Y3) who also received a Distinction for their Initial piano. Owen (Y 4) received a Distinction for his Grade 1 piano and Inés (Y6) who received a Distinction for her Grade 3 piano. Well done all of you; keep up the good work.

Dinner Money

Over the last 4 years we have been able to keep the cost of children's school meals at £2.20, however due to rising food costs, from September the cost of a meal will be £2.50. I hope that you understand the necessity of this increase especially as the food remains high quality and good value for money.

Cambridge Youth Forum A project for Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Are you interested in joining the Cambridge Youth Forum? Would you like to have your say about what happens in Cambridge? ChYpPS (Children and Young People's Participation Service) are inviting children to join sessions taking place during the summer and in the first school term from September 2017. This is a great opportunity for the children to speak directly with Councillors and help to change Cambridge for the better. A meeting has been arranged at the Spinney on Wednesday 19th July from 3.20pm-4.20pm. For more information please call Steph on 07753431347 or email steph.burwitz@cambridge.gov.uk

Cambridgeshire's SEND Specialist Service is committed to providing the highest quality services for Cambridgeshire's children, families and schools. They have recently undertaken a schools evaluation of the Dyslexia Guidance (2016), and would be very keen to hear parents' and carers' views on the guidance.

The following is a link to a survey, in which you are invited to participate; the end date for completion is 31st July 2017.

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/dyslexiaguidanceparentfeedback/>



Book Amnesty

All school books should now have been returned to the school. The cost of purchasing new books is high and could potentially be reduced by the return of books from home. Could you please check under beds and in the boots of your cars and bring in any discovered books to school by the end of term.



Take Everything Home. Friday 21st July

At the end of term we will be asking the children to take all their personal belongings home with them, PE Kits, indoor shoes, book bags, extra fleeces, summer hats etc. Unfortunately, we are unable to store mountains of property over the summer holiday. Please could you support your child by providing them with a named carrier bag to help them to get everything home? Please don't forget your bike! Many thanks.



My Cambridge is a growing partnership of organisations and individuals committed to making sure that all young people feel part of the rich variety of culture in Cambridge. This link will help you to discover all the latest events, news and training opportunities for adults working with young people plus creative activities for children in Cambridge <http://www.cambridgeartsnetwork.com/my-cambridge>



52 Stories

52 Stories Takes place every week at Cherry Hinton Library on Saturdays from 10.30am – 11.15am.

If you would like to become a 52 Stories Reader or become a volunteer to help us please come along to Cherry Hinton Library during one of our sessions and talk to one of the 52 Story Team Members. www.52stories.co.uk
www.facebook.com/52stores

Cherry Hinton Lions Football Club is planning to start a training session for children starting school in September 2017 (ages 4-5 years). If your child is interested in playing or learning to play football please feel free to contact Antony Woodruff on 07950 160852 or email antwoodruff@icloud.com The sessions will take place on Nightingale Avenue Recreation Ground

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Summer Reading Challenge

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

Every year, thousands of families all over the country take part in the UK's biggest reading event for children in libraries, the Summer Reading Challenge, run by the charity The Reading Agency.

The aim of the challenge is to get children to read any six books of their choice from their library during the summer holidays.

This year's theme, "Animal Agents "

To enrol your child, go to your local library during the summer holidays – the sooner you go the longer your child will have to read six books. Staff will enrol your child and give them some fun materials to get them started on the Challenge and it's FREE to take part!

Cambridge Mosque Open Day



On Sunday 16th July from 10am-4pm Cambridge Mosque cordially invites everyone in the community to join their Open Day. This is an opportunity for you to have a guided tour of the mosque, see how Muslims pray and ask any questions you may have. The Abu Bakr Mosque is situated at 1A Mawson Rd Cambridge.

And finally . . .

As we draw near to the end of another wonderful year and look forward to future opportunities, I am reminded of a delightful quote from *Wind in the Willows*.

*“Here today, up and off to somewhere else tomorrow! Travel, change, interest,
excitement!*

The whole world before you and a horizon that's always changing!”

Kenneth Grahame, The Wind in the Willows

With very best wishes,

Rachel Snape

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